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**Can you pledge secrecy when you are... a human being?**

**The fun never stops at Morimori High School! Fune and friends are settling in to their classes and dorm life, but there are plenty of surprises in store as Fune learns more about the strange school rules, as well as some of its more mysterious students. And when it comes time to pick extra-curriculars, what will Fune do?!**

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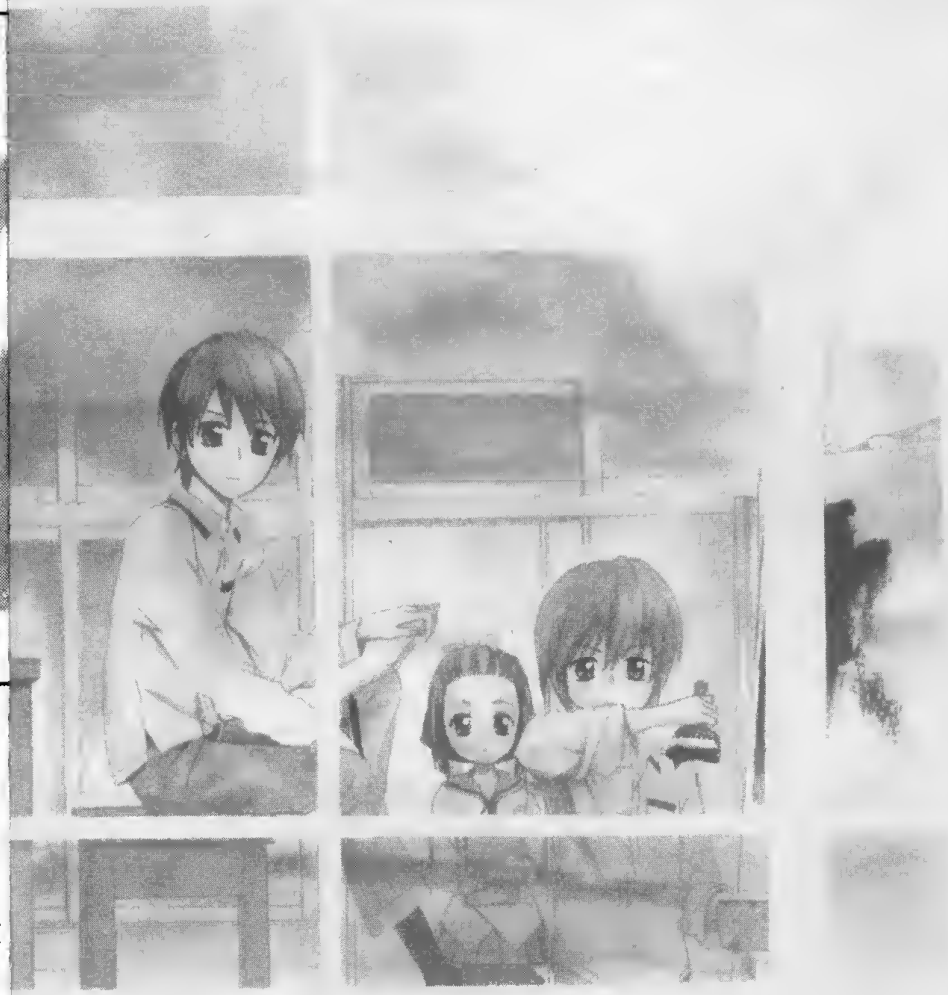


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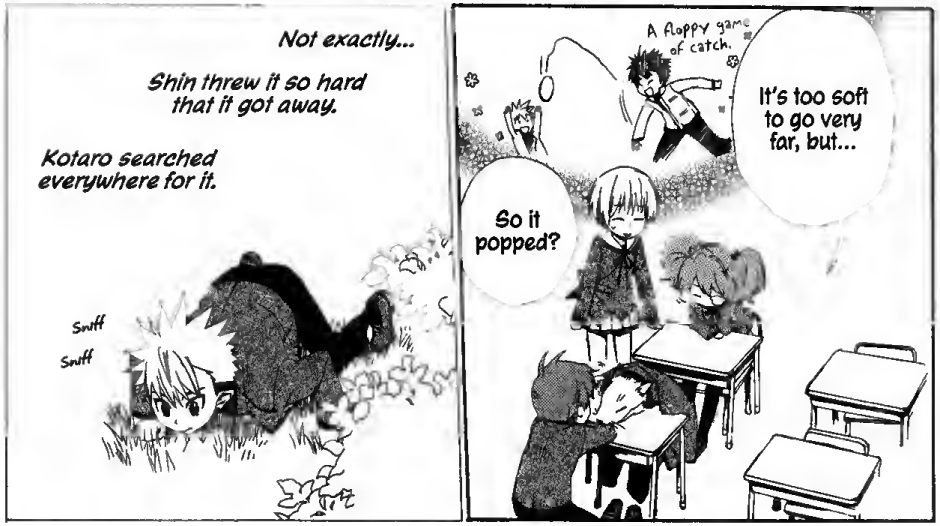
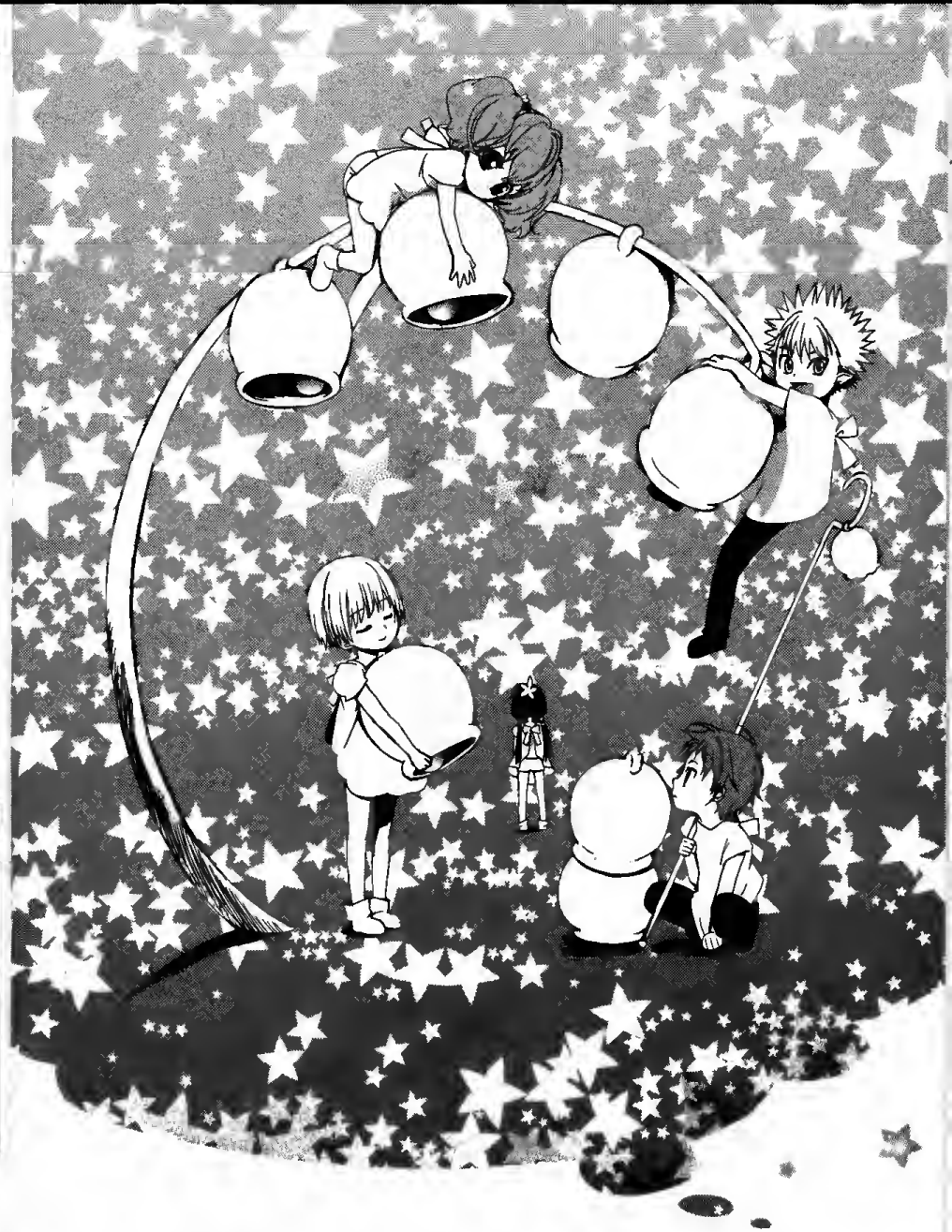

Not exactly...
Shin threw it so hard that it got away.
Kotaro searched everywhere for it.
Sniff
Sniff
A floppy game of catch.
It's too soft to go very far, but...
So it popped?



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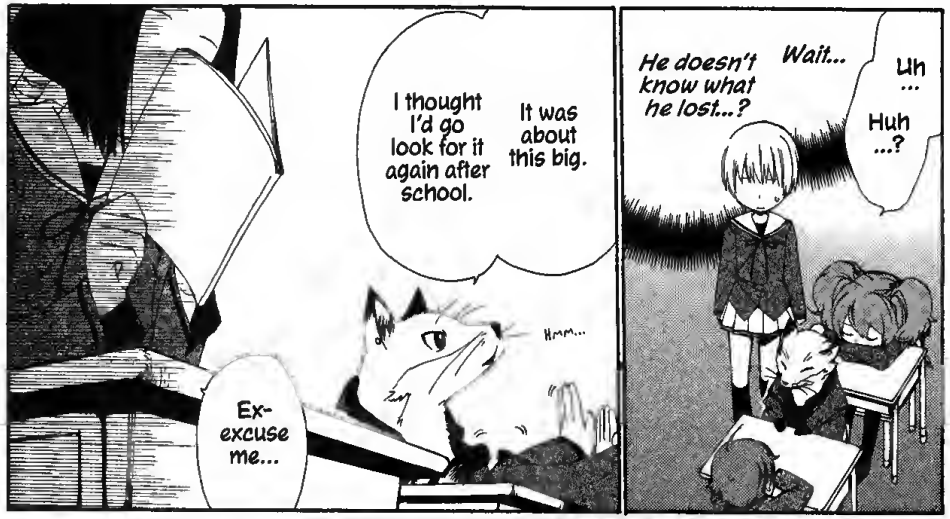
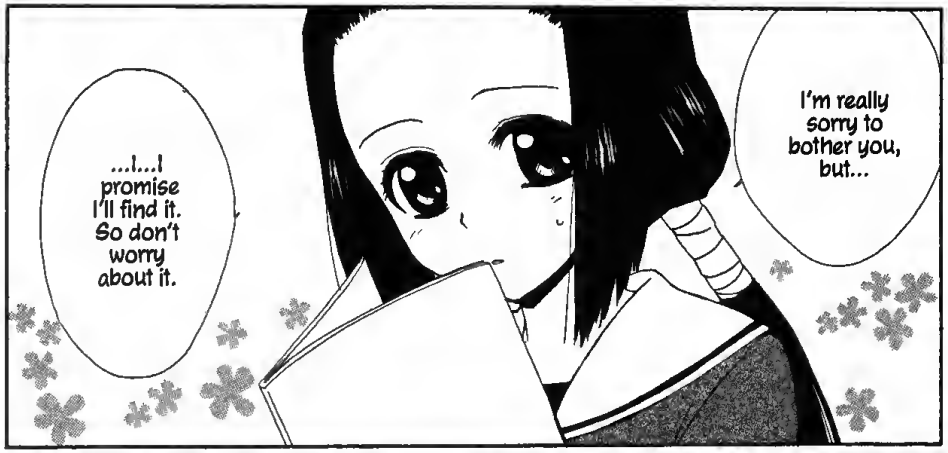

Ex-excuse me...
Hmm...
I thought I'd go look for it again after school.
It was about this big.


He doesn't know what he lost...?
Wait...
Uh...
Huh...?


...I...I promise I'll find it. So don't worry about it.
I'm really sorry to bother you, but...

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Okay?

...then he couldn't find the other thing.
...but...

He finally found it...
Oh, it's been found?
Ball

What is it...?

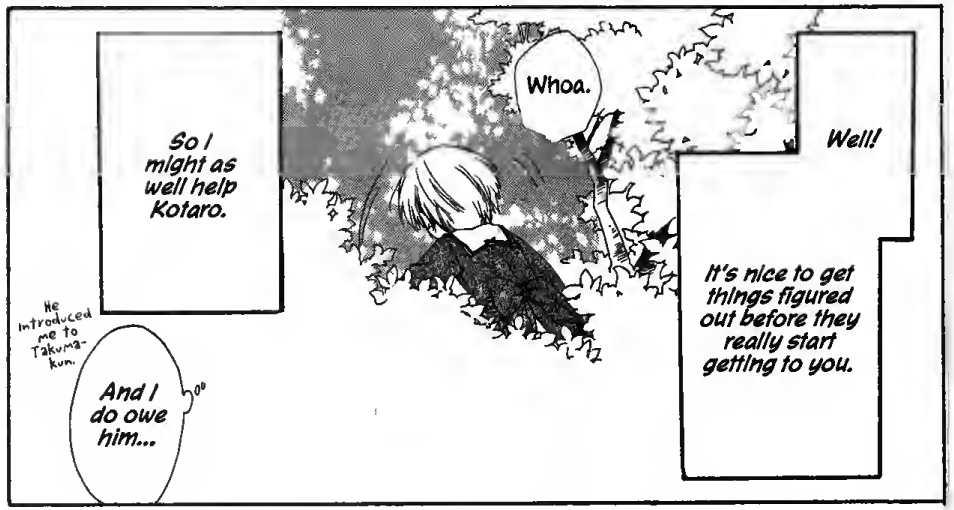
What's the other thing?

Cam...?
"Cam"-something, maybe?
Like a box...?
Umm...
Well, it's...

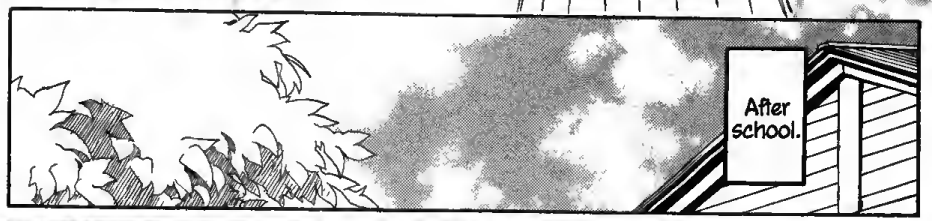
Why not?
'cause you don't want to get involved with a fox and a raccoon ...?

No ...?
Nope.
You're not helping, Miiko?

Okay, so what the heck am I doing?
Oh yeah...
Right.
Just lazy.
Uh uh.


So I might as well help Kotaro.
He introduced me to Takuma-kun.
And I do owe him...
Whoa.
Well!
It's nice to get things figured out before they really start getting to you.

This is Umeka Kamaba.
We call her Ume-chan.
She sits beside Kotaro, and she's the complete opposite of him.
She's very quiet and shy. I wonder how she and Kotaro get along?
So... what did you lose, exactly?
Um... Lemme see...
Yawn...


After school.

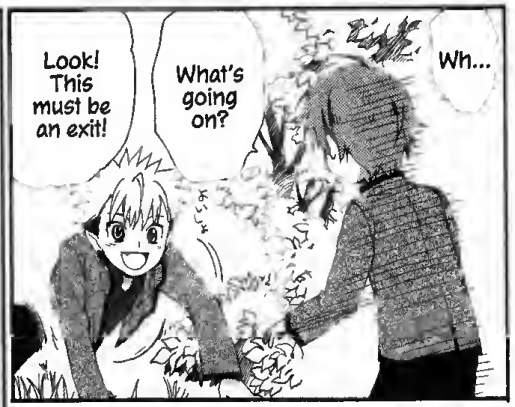
Err...
I mean, can't you tell us anything other than how big it is?
Kotaro, is there really something out here?

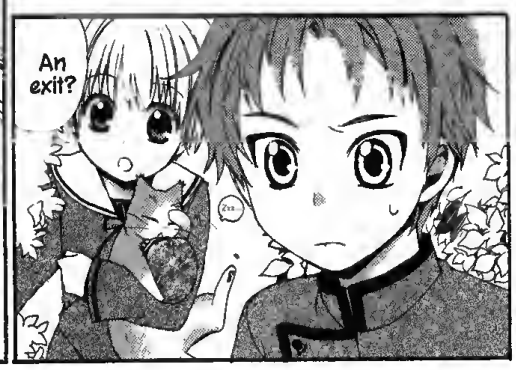
Yuichi!
?!!

Ume-chan said things would be fine, but...
...what are we looking for, anyway?

Kotaro, just tell us what you lost, will you?
It's starting to get dark.

A way outside!
Yeah! Right here!


Look! This must be an exit!
What's going on?
Wh...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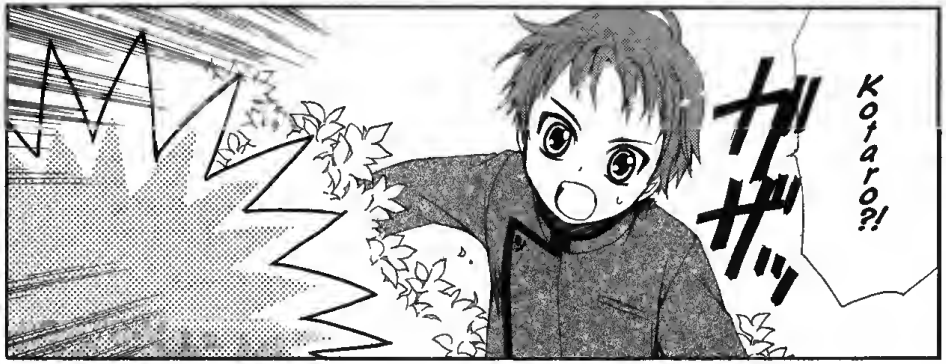
Kotaro?!

Wait up, will you?!
Hey! Hold--
Follow me!
Now?!
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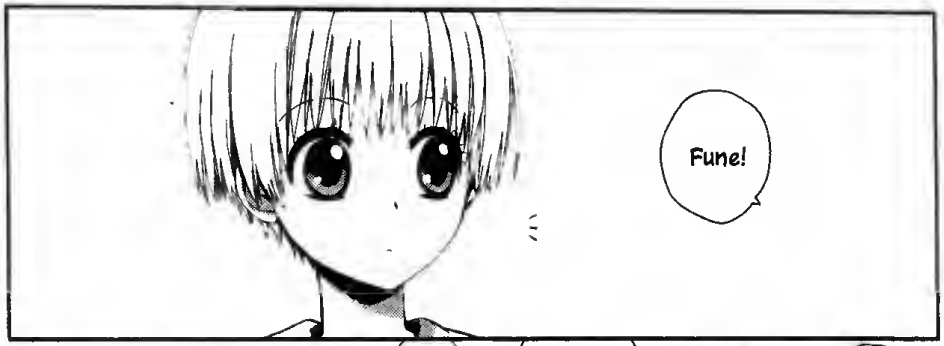

Fune!

I'm hungry, too.
Huh?
You don't want to go?
I'm tired. Let's go home.

Yeah!
Let's go!

"Leave" as in... get out?
You can leave from here!

Don't you want to get out of here, Yuichi?

C'mon, Miiko!
Maybe the thing I'm looking for is out there!
Just for a little bit!
...Hang on. Weren't you looking for something?
Zzz...

See, I knew it!
Let's all go, then!
PLOP

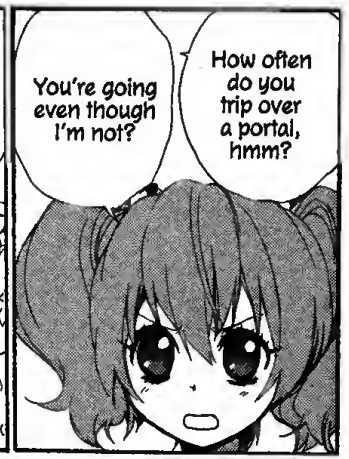
Sure, but...
We!!...

It's weird...
The wind blowing in there feels different.

Just to check it out.
You're what?!

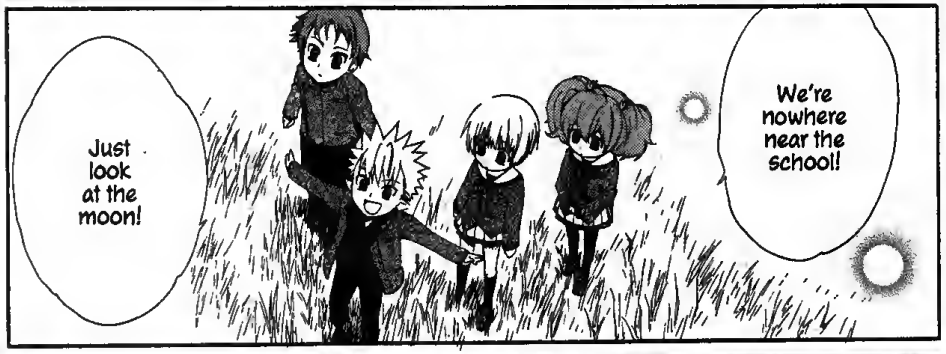
All right!
Well, I'm gonna go!

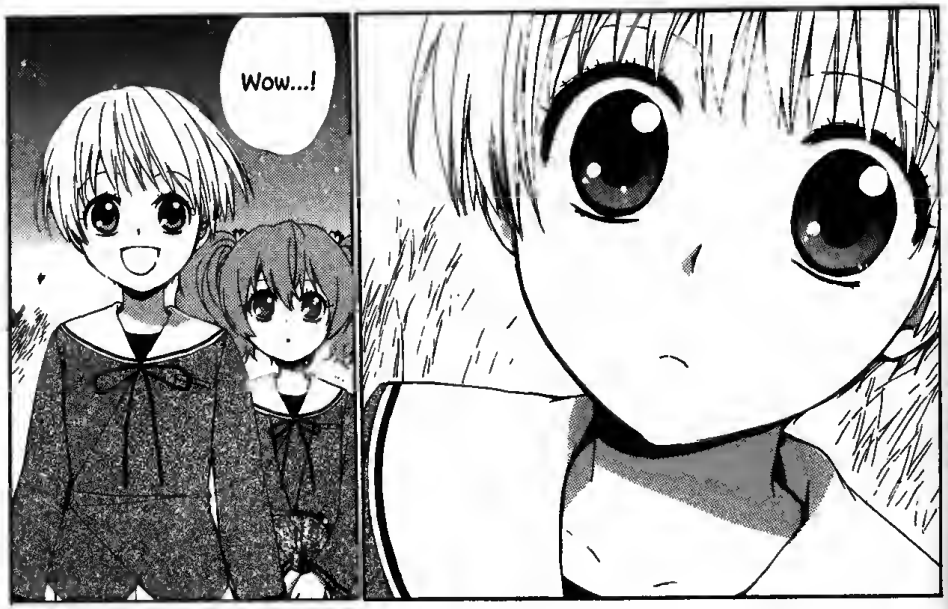
Yeah!
Yeah!
Oh.
Right.
Of course you are! We'll go together!


You're going even though I'm not?
How often do you trip over a portal, hmm?

Fune...
...you go in front.
Fine, fine.
Prtm-cciii.

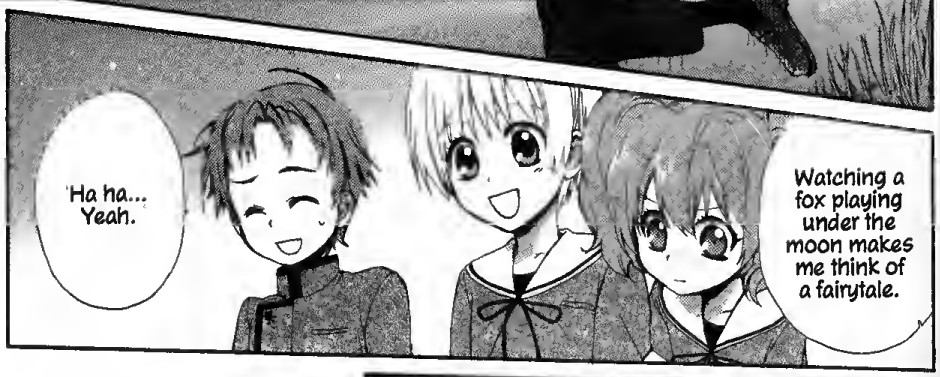
We're outside?
Really?


Just look at the moon!
We're nowhere near the school!


Wow...!

We're out!

Just look at all this!
Don't you think the air smells different, too?!


Watching a fox playing under the moon makes me think of a fairytale.
Ha ha... Yeah.

Yuichi! Come run with me!
I'll...pass, thanks.

Hey! Let's go explore the human town!

Look up, Miiko!
Don't pull me! I'm looking, okay?
Come on!

It's really beautiful!
It's lots bigger than it is at the school.
...really?
Yeah, it's gotta be!

I didn't smell any bait!
Huh? A trap?!
Are you okay...
...Kota--
Oh!

Will we be able to get back?
A little further.
...are we there yet?

Don't worry, Fune!
Don't you call her Fune!!!

Ack!
Kotaro!
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Hmm?
Huh?
That bush...
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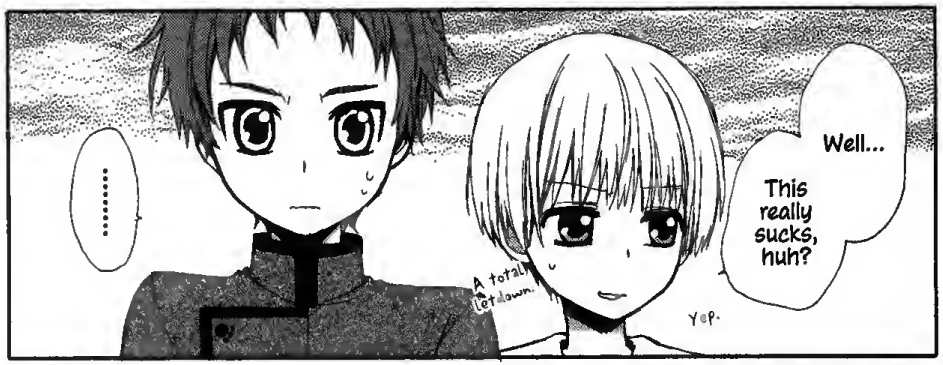
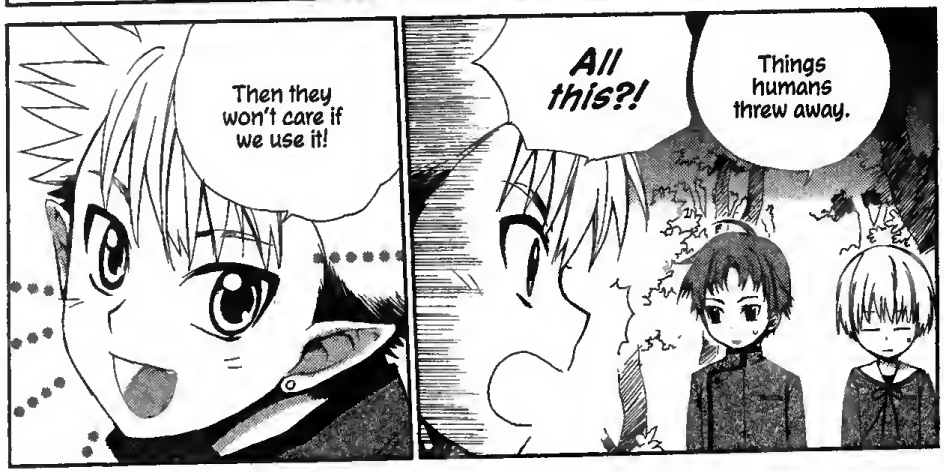

Well...
This really sucks, huh?
A total letdown.
Yep.

What *is* this stuff?


Then they won't care if we use it!
*All this?!*
Things humans threw away.

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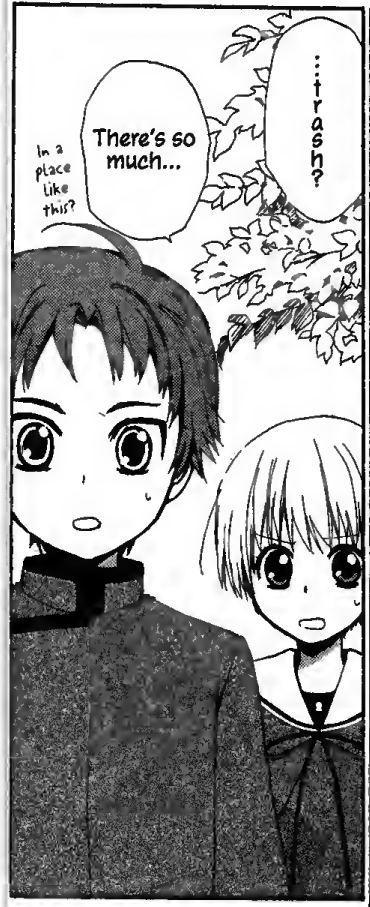
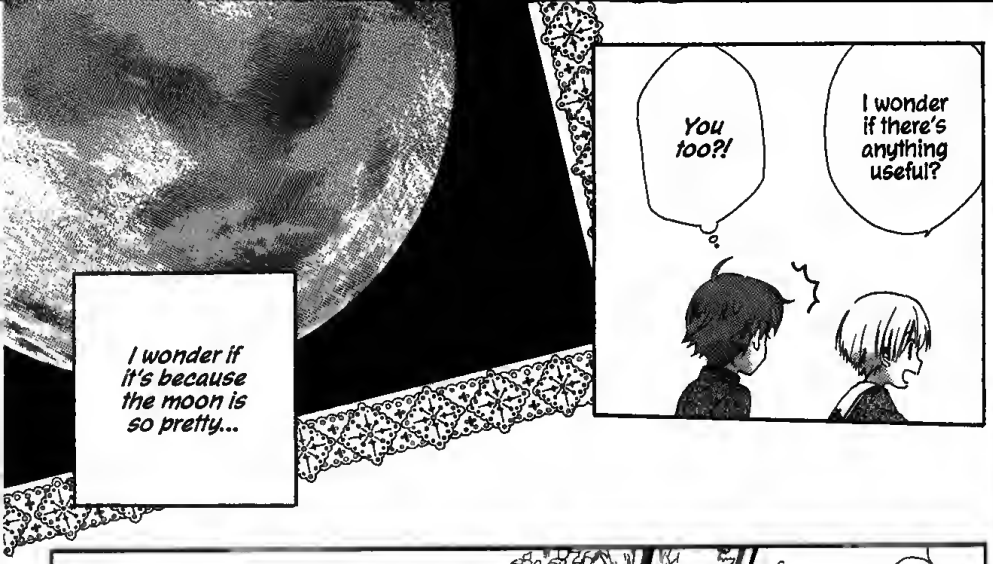
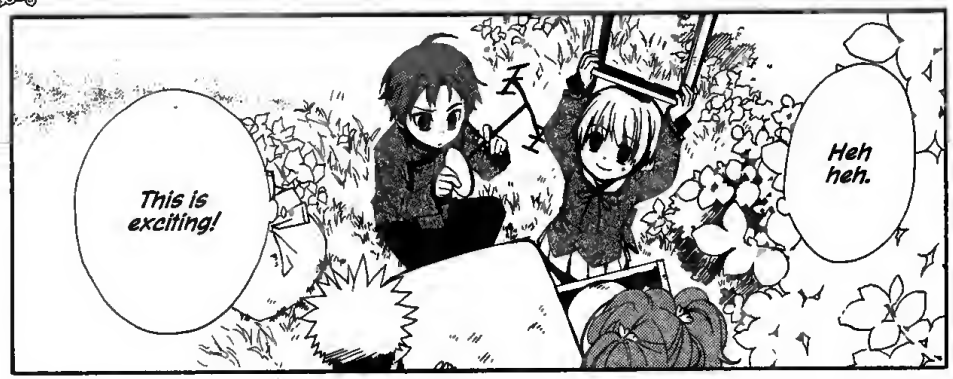
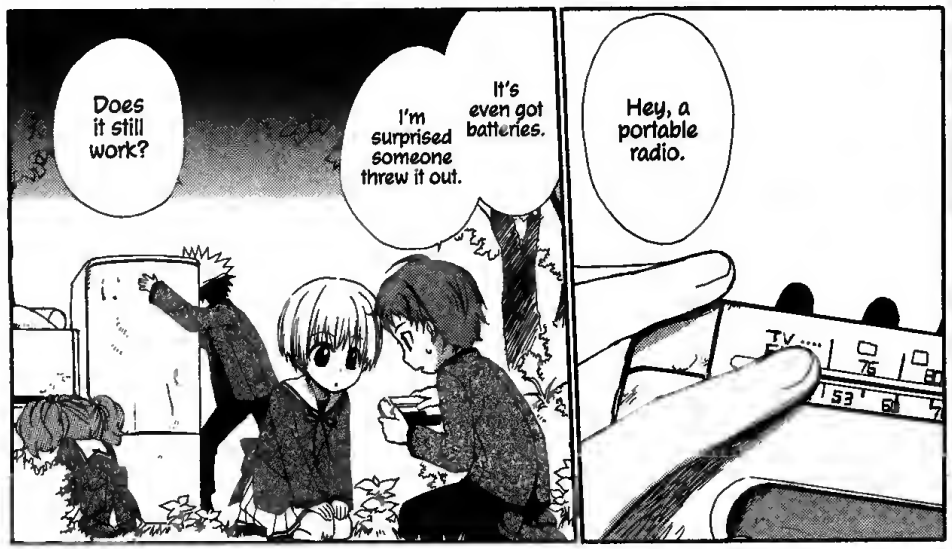
I stepped in a bucket...
Take it off...
Huh ...?

Cr-creepy...
A...a doll?
A mannequin...


...trash?
There's so much...
In a place like this?

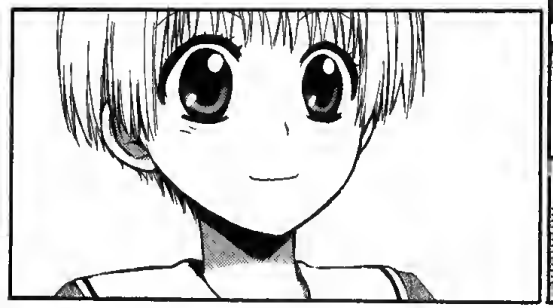

I wonder if it's because the moon is so pretty...
You too?!
I wonder if there's anything useful?


This is exciting!
Heh heh.


Does it still work?
I'm surprised someone threw it out.
It's even got batteries.
Hey, a portable radio.
TV....

How do you use it?
What does this do?
Wait, are they--?
...hun?

They're going through the garbage...



Hmm...
No way I can carry it all back.
There's too much stuff.
I knew it...

Still on the charts, we have...
...Kitsui?
Wow!
Up next, the #2 song. That was Suzume Mori with "Rainy"!
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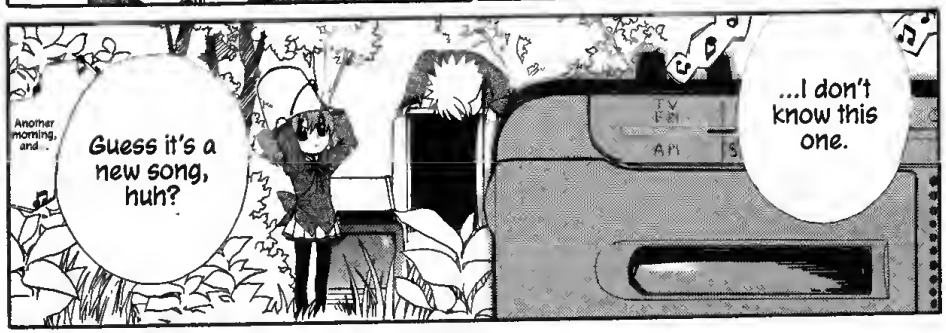
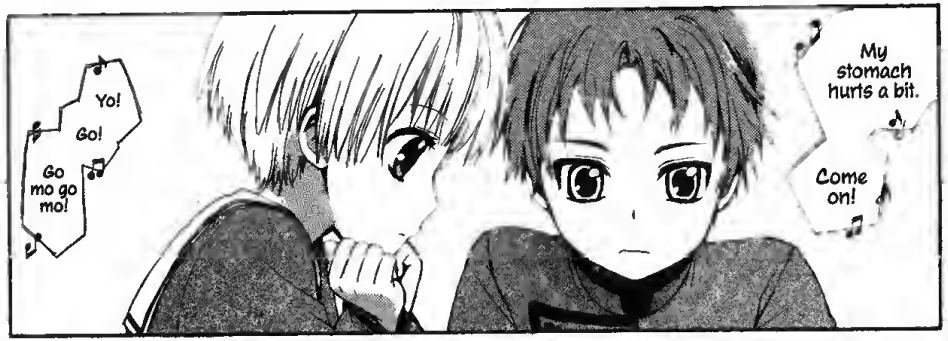
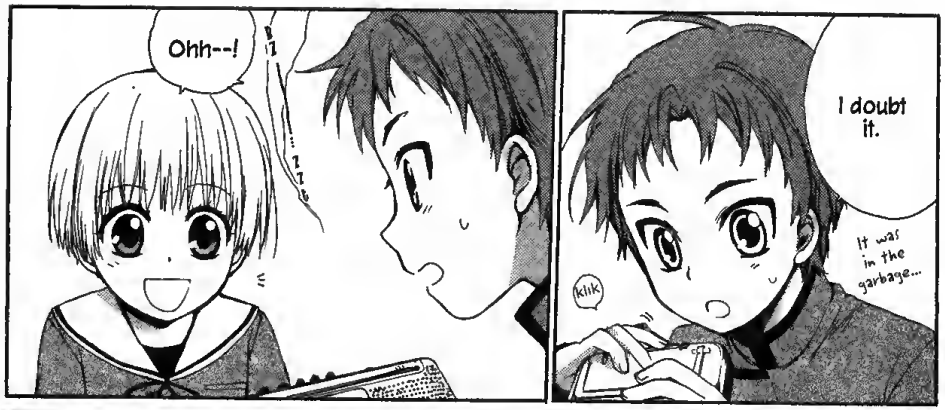

Another morning, and...
Guess it's a new song, huh?
...I don't know this one.

But he's so...
...cool and shiny.
He sparkles!
Everybody's laughing.
...it's a bad hair day.


Yo!
Go!
Go mo go mo!
My stomach hurts a bit.
Come on!


Ohh--!
I doubt it.
It was in the garbage...
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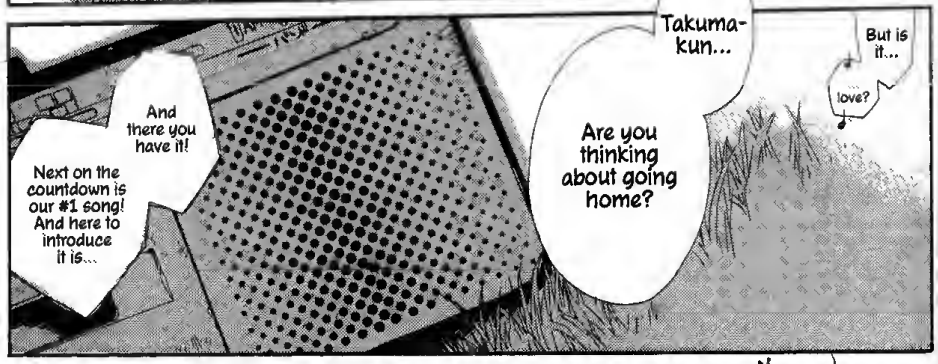
Mm.

I wanna run!
Pi-chan!
Pi pi pi!

I never really listen to the radio.
MEE... How mean...
I used to use it for background music when I studied.
Nobody told me...
...it was gonna rain.


Takuma-kun...
Are you thinking about going home?
But is it...
love?
And there you have it!
Next on the countdown is our #1 song! And here to introduce it is...

Aaah! I'm totally stuck!

Chan chan chin chan kang
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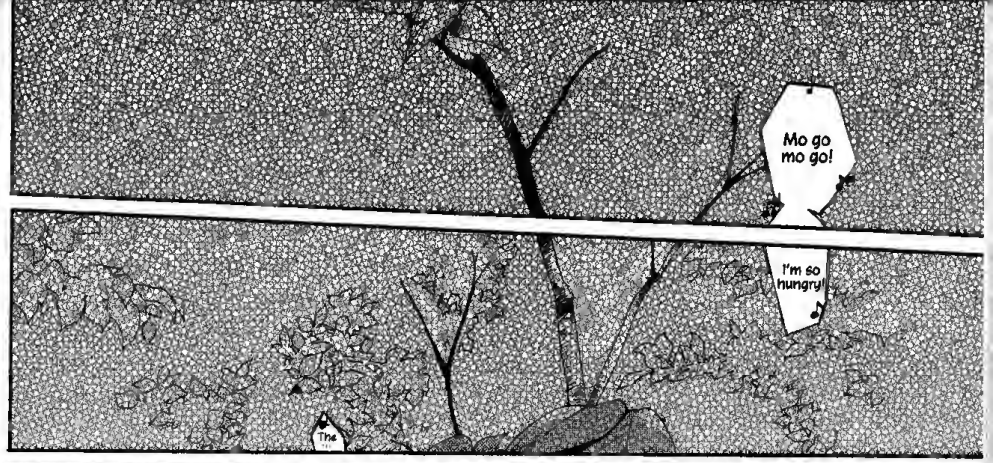
Mo go mo go!
I'm so hungry!

...way I...

The moon's so bright.
Sure...
Oh, well. We'll just have to take a little at a time.

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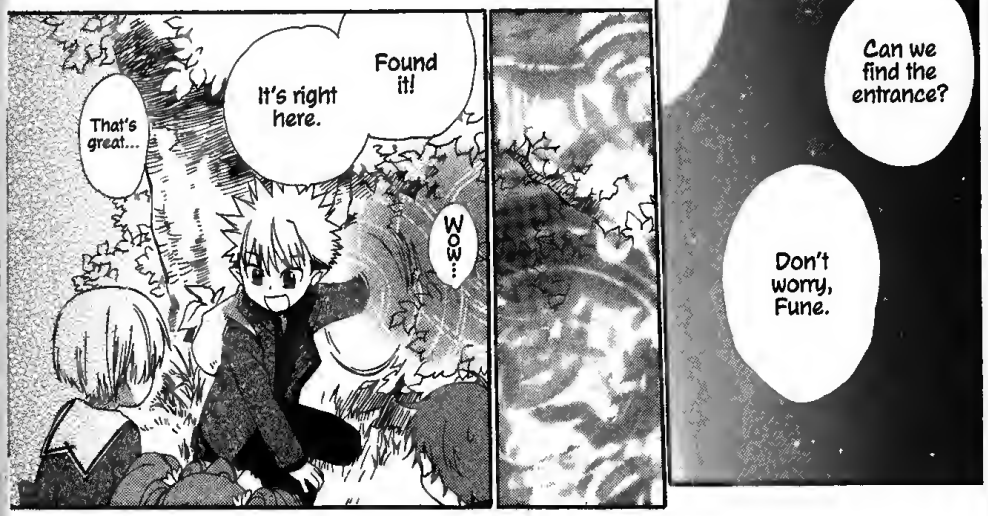
That's great...
It's right here.
Found it!
Wow...
Can we find the entrance?
Don't worry, Fune.

Kotaro, you idiot!
You'd be frozen if this was plugged in!
Aww, man!
Are you in the refrigerator?!
What's going on...?!
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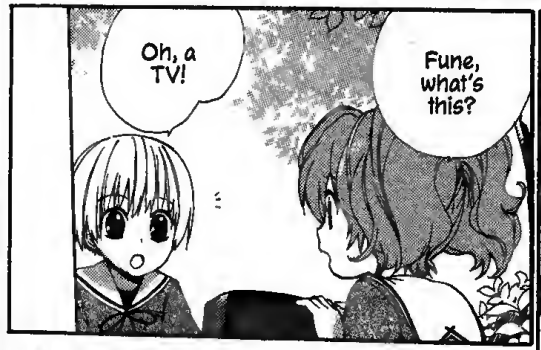
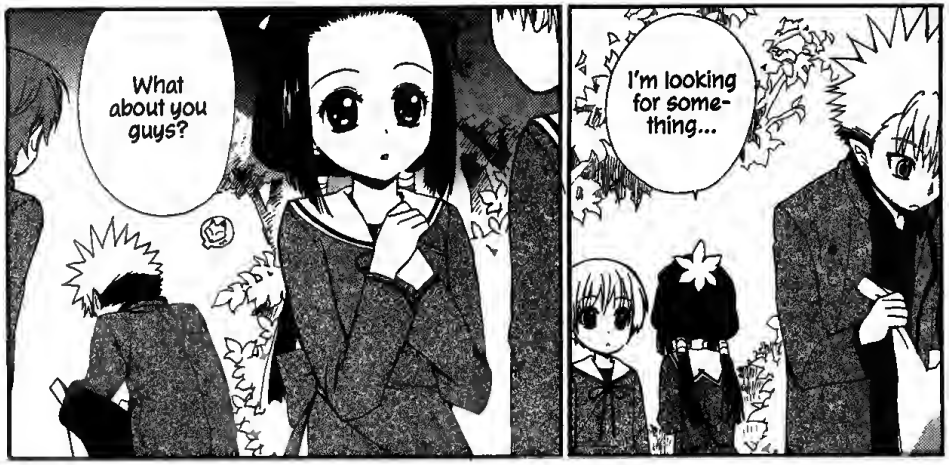
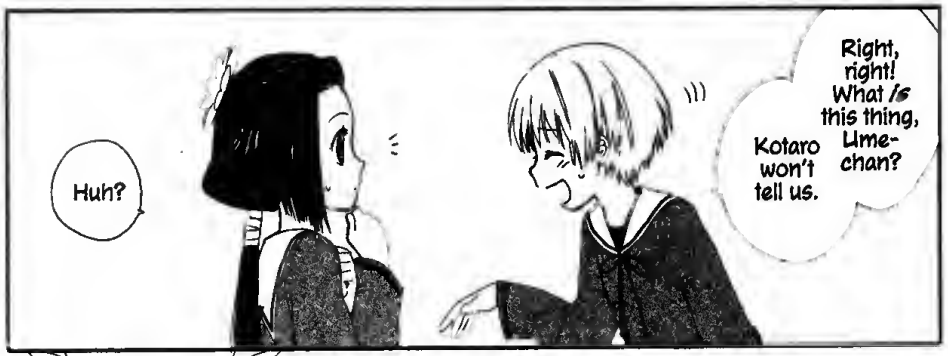
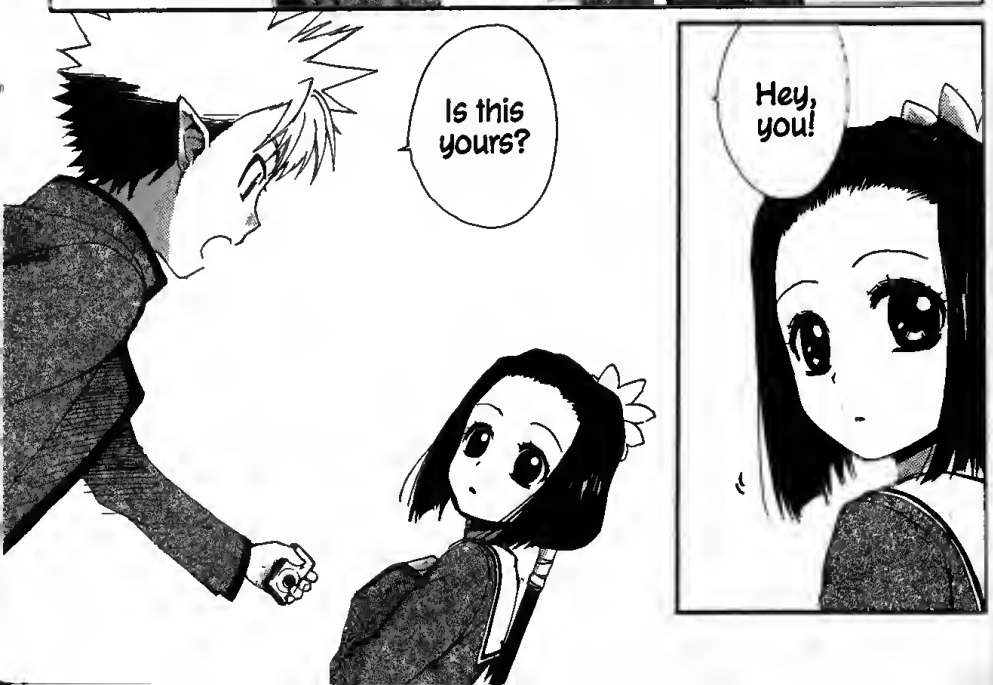

Oh, a TV!
Fune, what's this?

It's too big to carry back with us.
Eww, but it's really dirty.

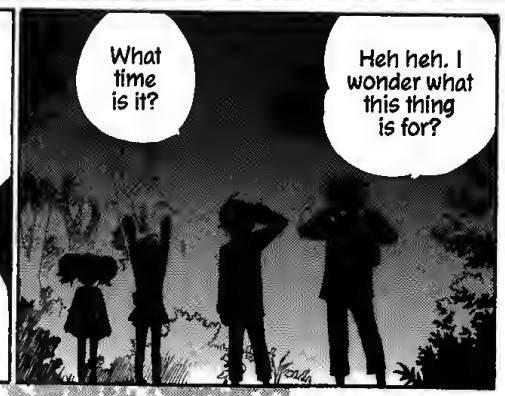
Yeah-- frozen to death!
Frozen?
Never get inside a fridge!


What about you guys?
I'm looking for something...


Huh?
Right, right! What is this thing, Ume-chan?
Kotaro won't tell us.


Is this yours?
Hey, you!

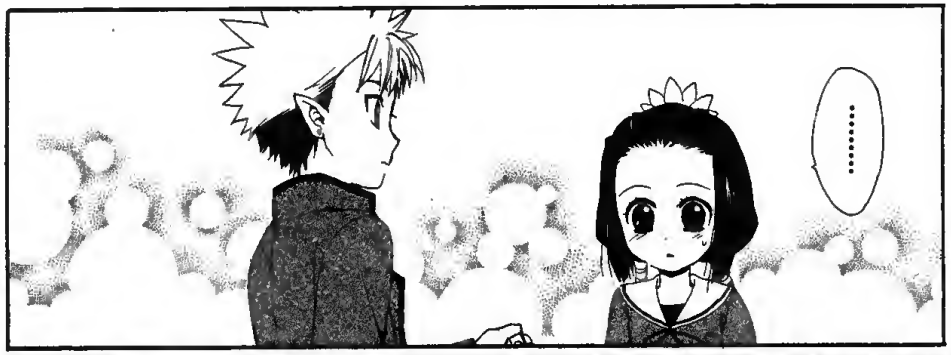
We might miss curfew.
Yeah, I'm starving.


What time is it?
Heh heh. I wonder what this thing is for?

Raccoon!
Ume-san...
...hi.

Er... So, Ume-chan... ...what're you doing here?
...why so formal?
Oh...

Oh!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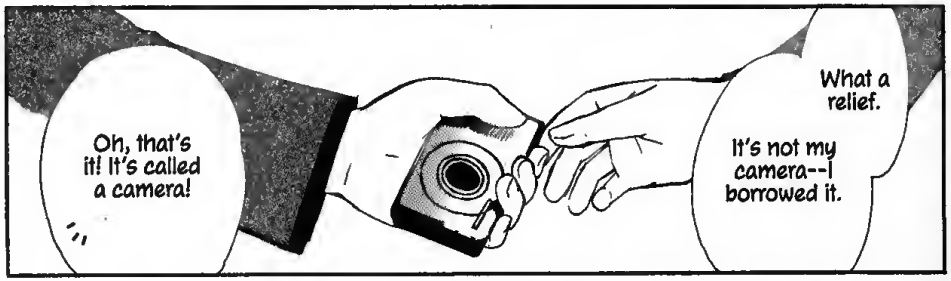
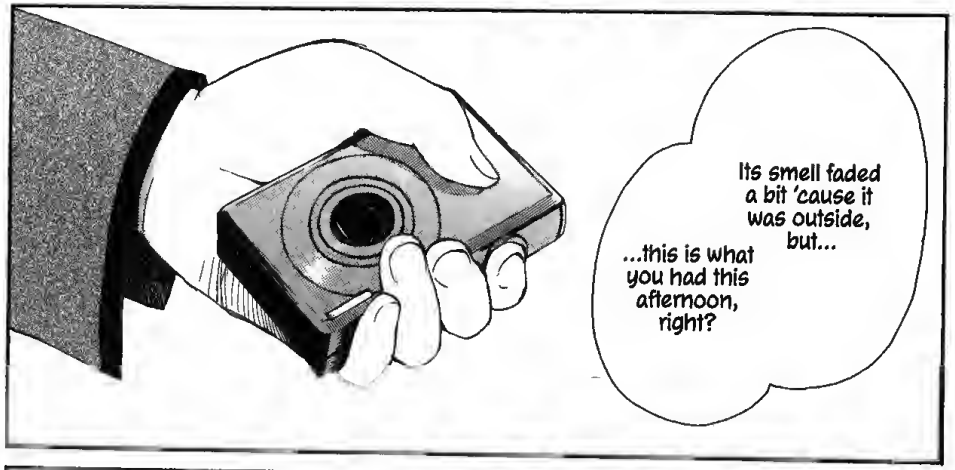
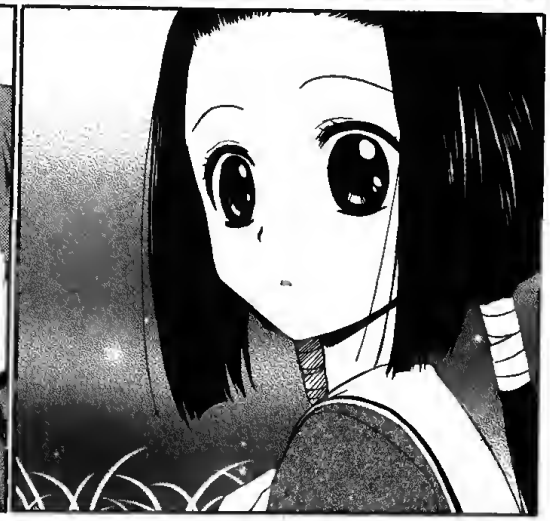
Um...
Thank you.


Oh, that's it! It's called a camera!
What a relief.
It's not my camera--I borrowed it.


Its smell faded a bit 'cause it was outside, but...
...this is what you had this afternoon, right?

A camera?
Oh!
Huh? That's what you were looking for?
He did say it was this big...
Pretty high tech.



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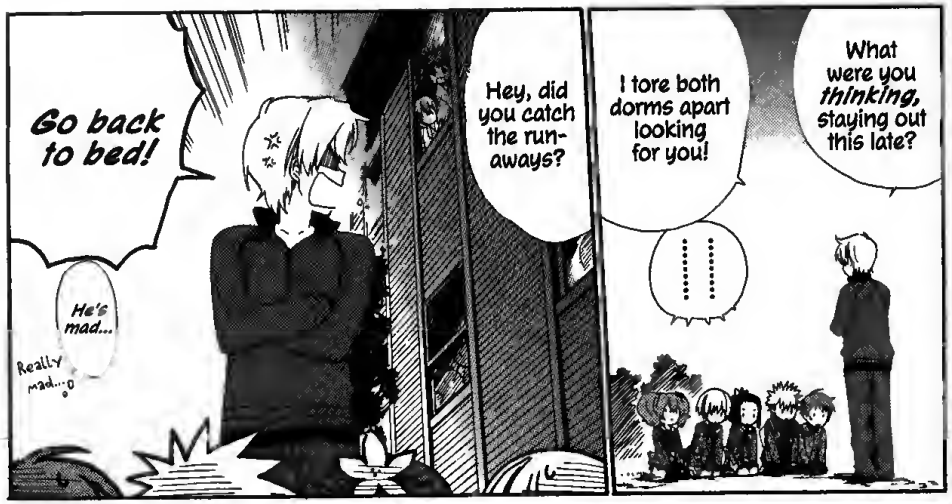
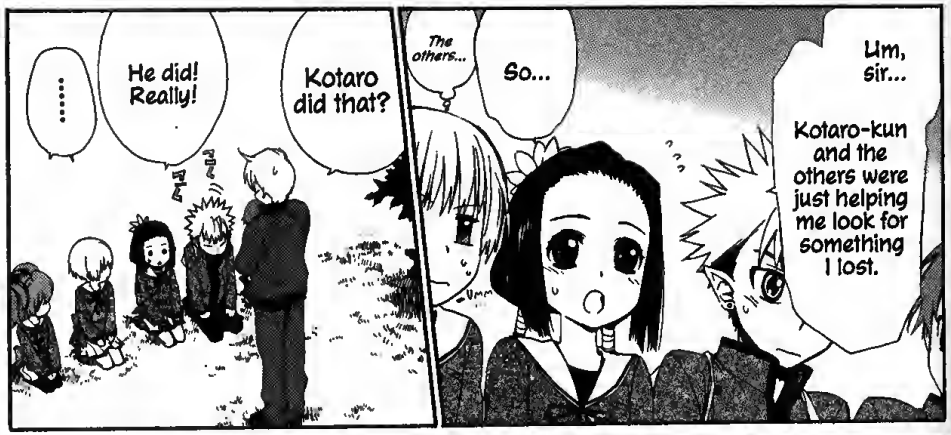
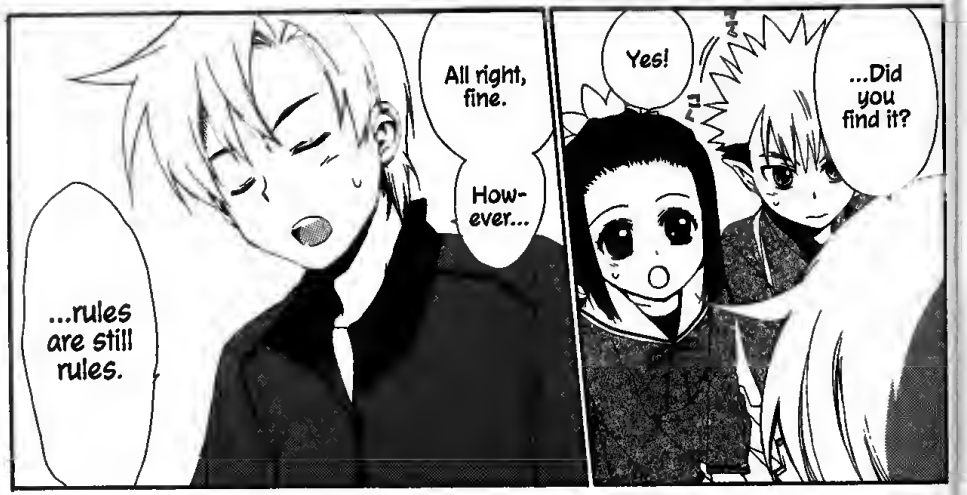
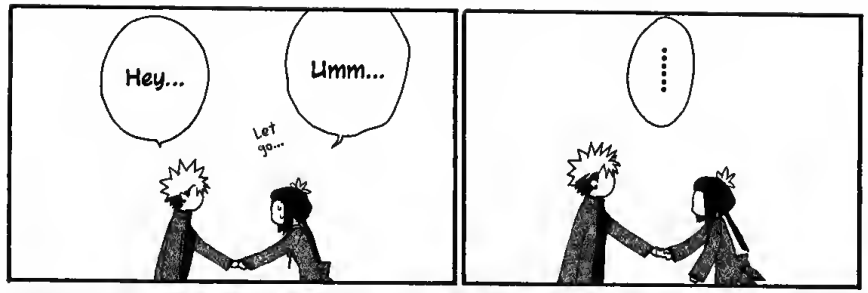
Yeah.

You really...
...found it for me?


Go back to bed!
He's mad...
Really mad...
Hey, did you catch the runaways?
I tore both dorms apart looking for you!
What were you thinking, staying out this late?


He did! Really!
Kotaro did that?
The others...
So...
Um, sir...
Kotaro-kun and the others were just helping me look for something I lost.


All right, fine.
However...
...rules are still rules.
Yes!
...Did you find it?


Hey...
Let go...
Umm...

...how do you use that thing, anyway?

"See you tomorrow..."
Everyday things...
...can make you so happy.
Don't touch me with your raccoon cooties.
Okay.
Or not...
Oh--! Miiko and Ume-chan are hitting it off.
It's nice to hear your teacher say good night.
This is...
...the first time I've taken a picture of something besides the sky.

Now go home before it gets dark.
Human kids have the same rules.
Yes, sir.
We will.
Punishment time.
And then...
That hurt, Sensei!
My hand hurts more.
Okay...
And don't worry me anymore!
Good night.
See you tomorrow.

You're going to be on your own from now on, but...

...you'll be okay.

You can do it, Umeka.

You can do it!

Reg—iy?

Yeah... Not that I took that many before, but...

...it feels nice.

Want a copy when I develop it?

Are you sure?

Kotaro and Miiko are making funny faces.

What's a "develop"?

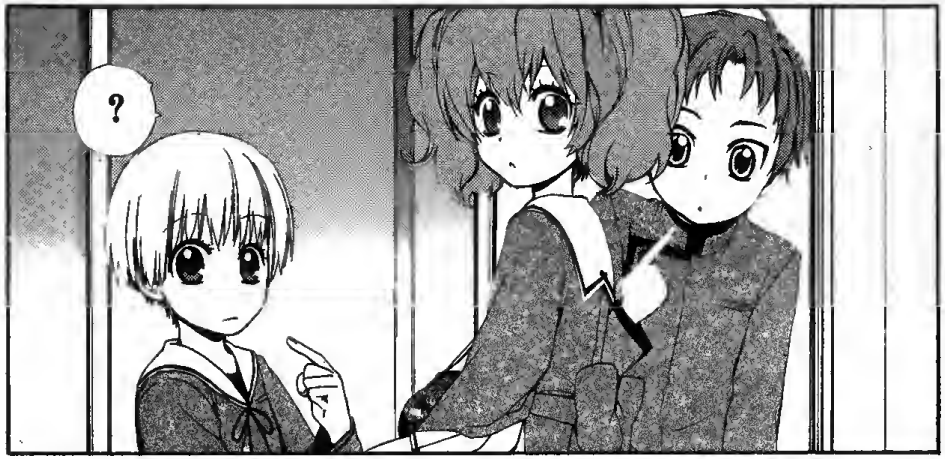
I don't know where that portal is now, but...

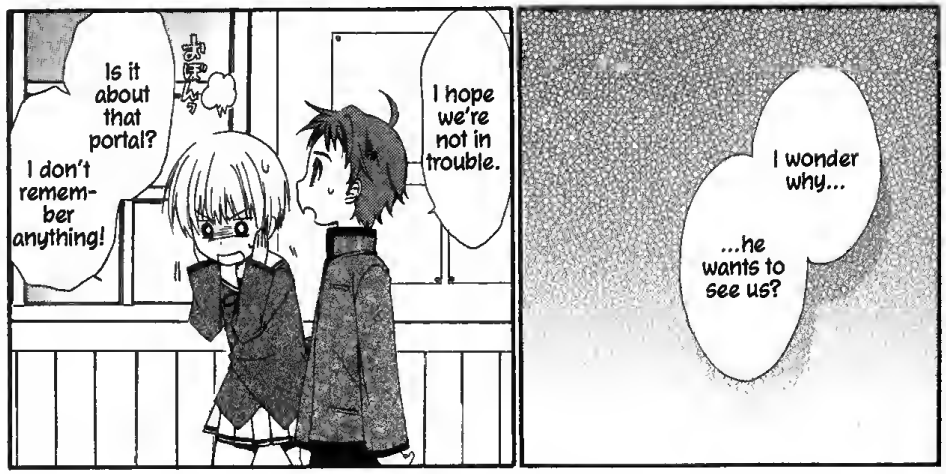
...the moonlight really did look different on the other side.

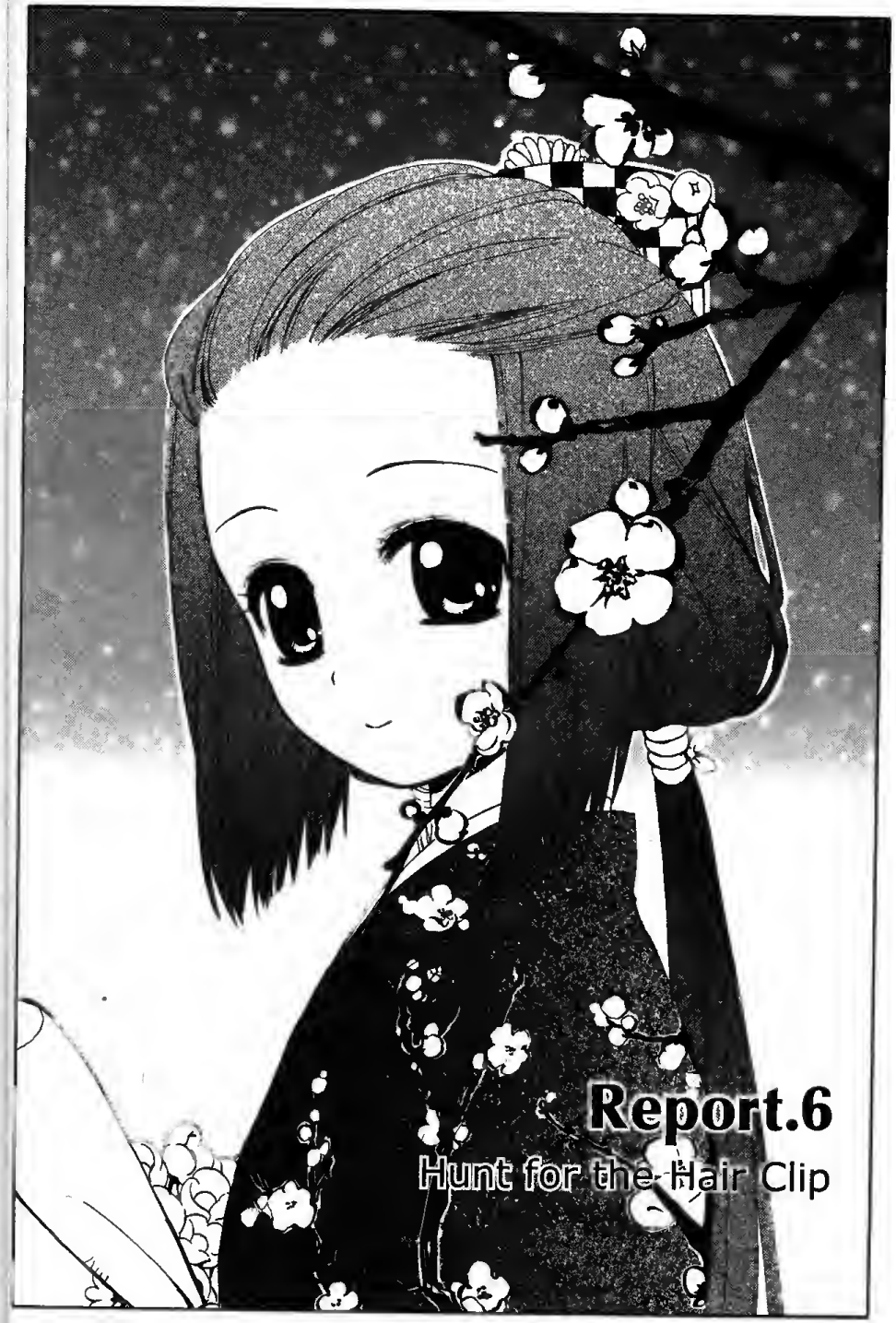
Campus Gym

Girls' Dorm

Boys' Dorm



# Report.6

## Hunt for the Hair Clip

It was like this.
Can you act natural if you know the truth?
Can you assimilate into our School?
Can you swear to keep the fact that you are a human being secret?
Oh! Yeah!
I did!
The agreement to not reveal that you're human?

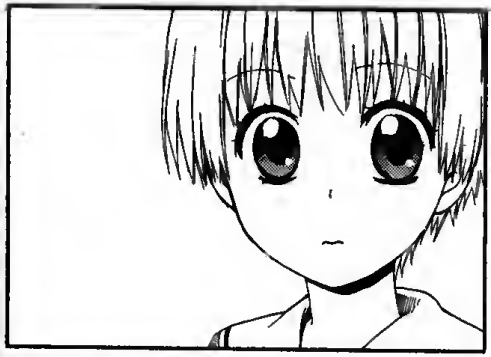
I, uh...
...let it slip on the first day.
.....

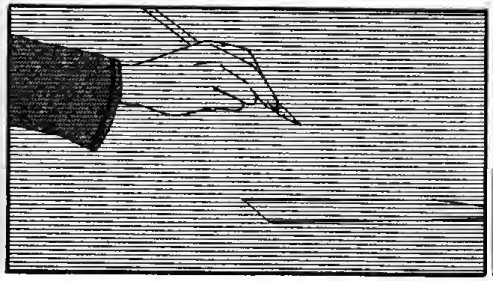
She didn't believe me...
I don't think Miiko's figured it out.
.....

I didn't do that, though...
Oh! Maybe it's because I was doodling in my textbook...

I don't think he knows about that.
Plus, why would he only call the two of us?

Oh!
So what do we have in common...?

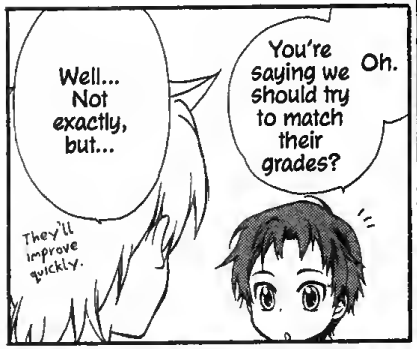




Fukuta-san...
...did you sign a form with three rules on it?

Well?
Recognize these names?
Huh...?
1.Yuichi Takuma
2.Neko Fukuta
3.Kosuke Yamagawa
4.Toko Ko
No way!
I got second place?!
I'm second and he's first?
Yup.
He's no surprise, but...
Wow!
Yes.
Time to celebrate!
Y-yeah ...
You look scared stiff! Relax!
This ...
...is a first...
...for me.
Look, look! You came in first!
I'm so happy!
... yeah.

We're so sorry!
I didn't know about it.
Huh? No way!
Then why were we called in?!
We're here to talk about your grades.
See, look.
These are the results from the April exam.
1. Yuichi Takuma
2. Neko Fukuta
3. Kosuke Yamagawa
4. Toko Kotoko
5. Baba Koyanagi

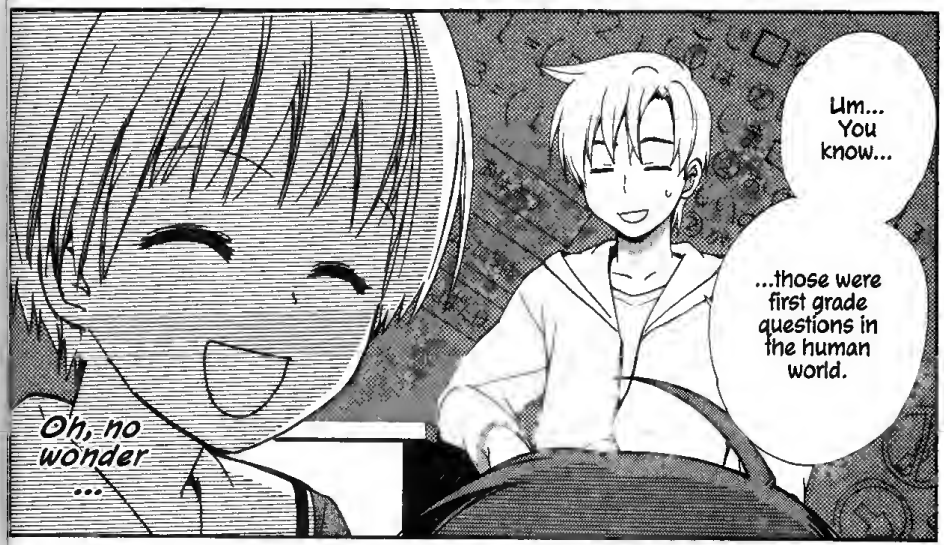

Oh.
You're saying we should try to match their grades?
Well... Not exactly, but...
They'll improve quickly.

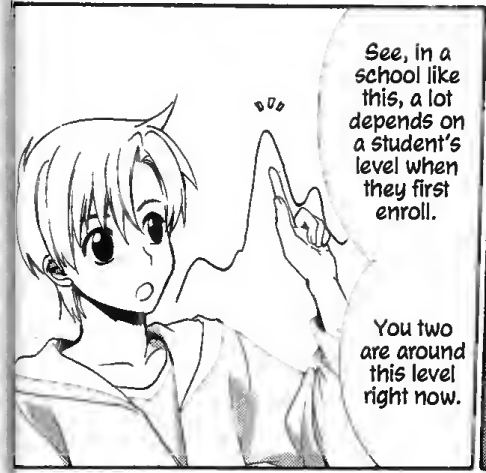
It never even...
...occurs to them that there might be humans among them.

Just keep your guard up. I also wanted to tell you to think about...
...which clubs you want to join, but...

Well...
...I haven't heard any rumors going around, so he probably doesn't believe it.
.....

So Kotaro already knows, hmm?
S-sorry...

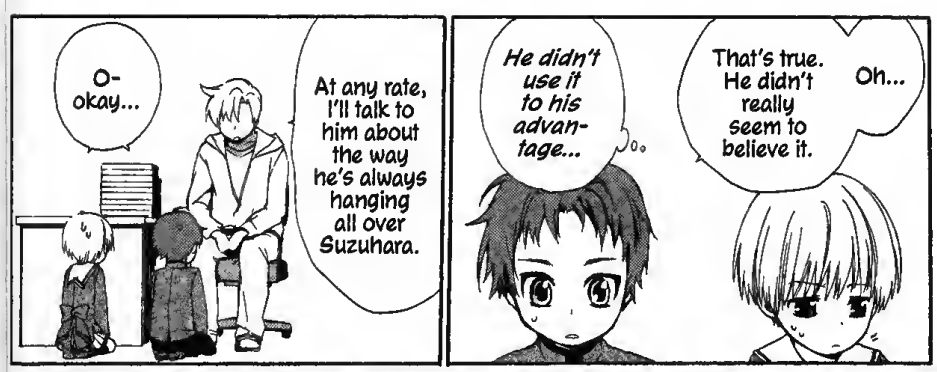

Um... You know...
...those were first grade questions in the human world.
Oh, no wonder ...


See, in a school like this, a lot depends on a student's level when they first enroll.
You two are around this level right now.

Kotaro and Miiko aren't doing so well...
Esp-ecially Kotaro...
Don't worry about the other students.

But even the students who're struggling now should be close to a normal human's level by their third year.
And right now, everyone's so focused on themselves that they don't see what's around them.

Yeah...
Watanuki-sensei can be pretty harsh.
...does find out...
...what will happen to us?
?
Hmm...
...the look on her face was really something.
Now that I think about it...


O-okay...
At any rate, I'll talk to him about the way he's always hanging all over Suzuhara.
He didn't use it to his advantage...
That's true. He didn't really seem to believe it.
Oh...

So you both make sure nobody else finds out.
Otherwise...
.....

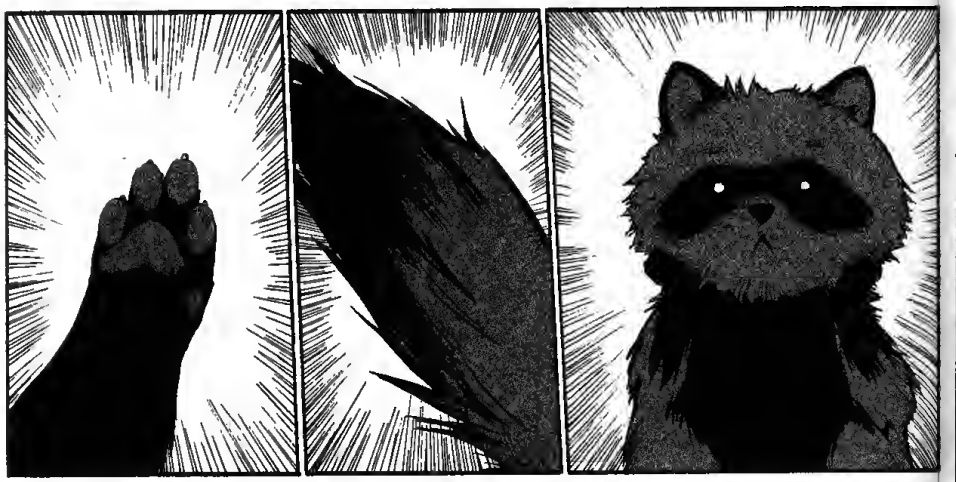
If someone...

Anyway! As punishment, you'll be distributing these pamphlets to all the classrooms!
ガタッ

Owww...
...h-heavy!
Doo-!
Are you okay?
Yeah. I just landed on my butt.
Didn't squash her head.
Why don't you go on ahead?
I'll handle this.
S-sure.
Need help?
No, I'm fine.

Eeep!
Fune!
...Miiko, you really scared me. Don't glomp me like that!
?
I'll try to remember.
You're heavy, too...
Oh!
Watch out...!
I can't get away!
Kotaro again?

Are you okay? You turned back into a raccoon.
Huh?
Oh ...
I-I'm... ...so sorry about that.
Oh, it's fine!



What'll I do...?
Wh ...

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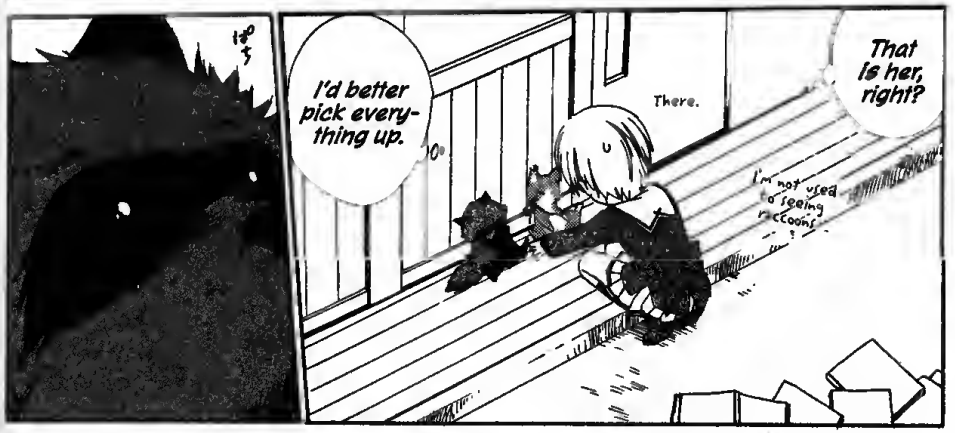
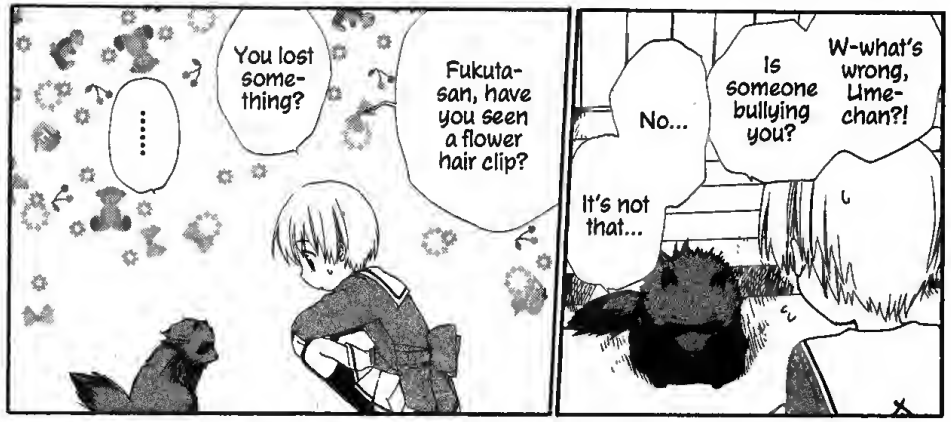
Thanks!
I'll see you later!

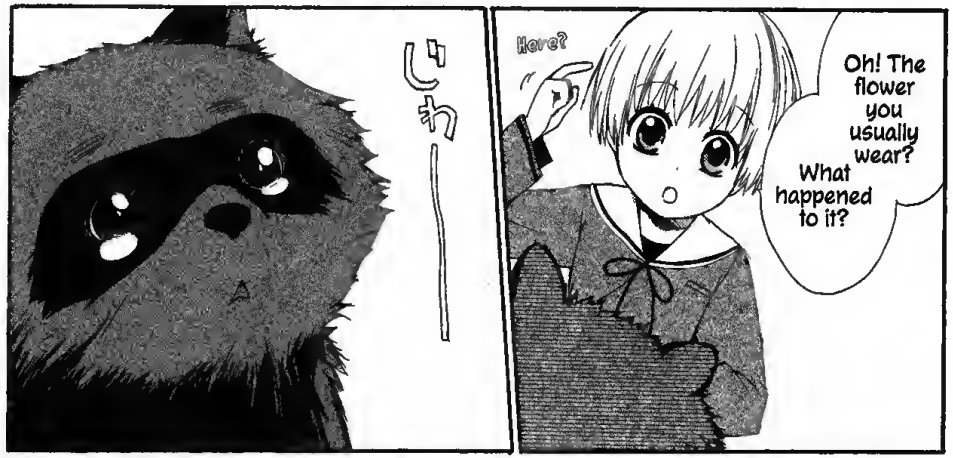
...and Ume-chan.
Miiko...

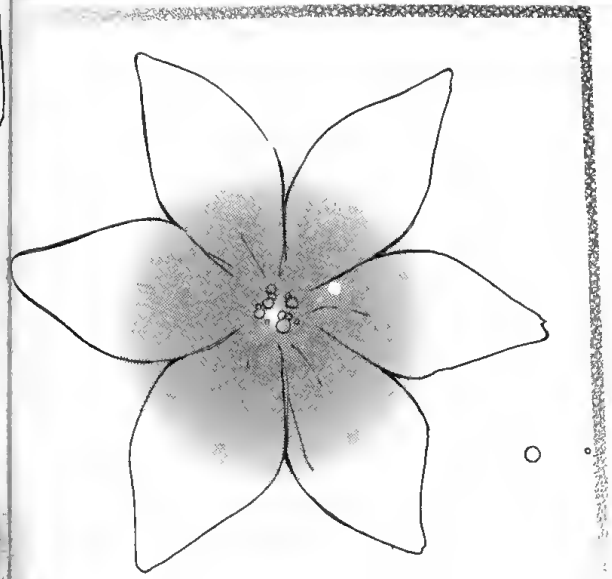

I'd better pick everything up.
There.
That is her, right?
I'm not used to seeing raccoons

I'll try my best, big sister.
Okay.
Here--if you use this, you can focus without a leaf.
So it's special because your sister gave it to you...
Yes...
*Note: In Japanese legend, a raccoon is able to transform by putting a leaf on its head.

I can't transform without it.
I'm really no good...


You lost something?
Fukuta-san, have you seen a flower hair clip?
No...
It's not that...
Is someone bullying you?
W-what's wrong, Ume-chan?!


Here?
Oh! The flower you usually wear?
What happened to it?

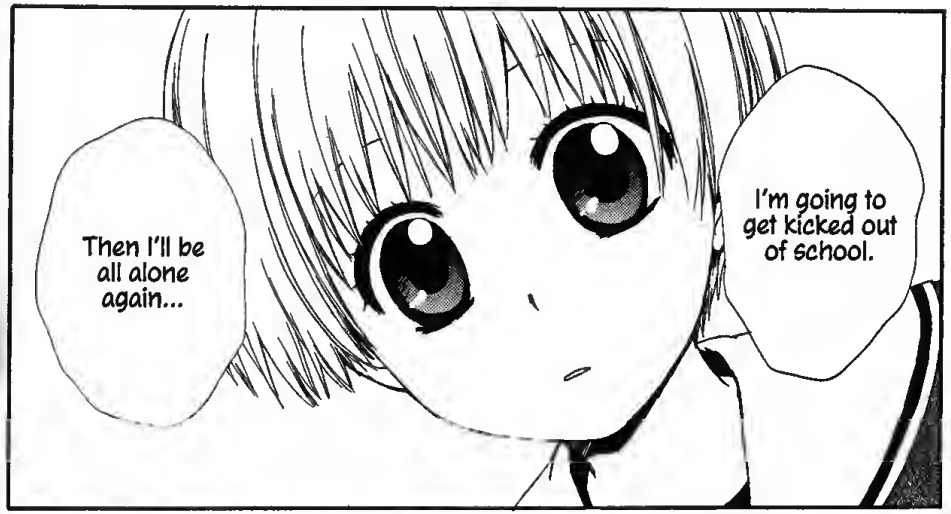


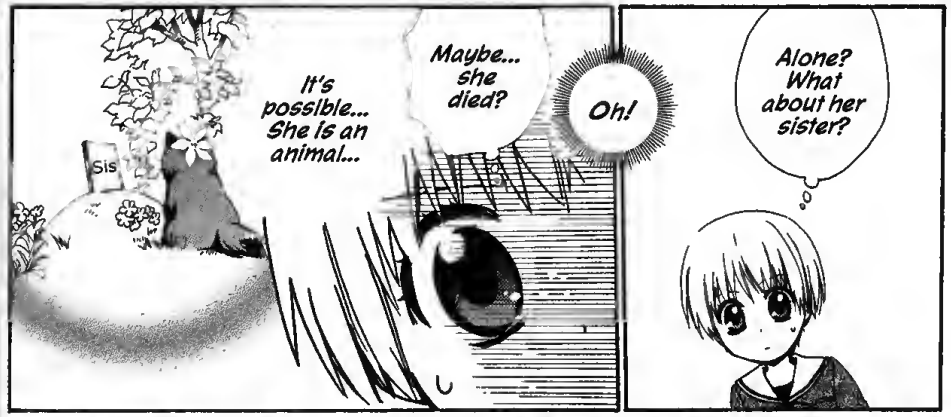
Don't cry!
I'm sorry.

I've only made it this far because I had the flower.
I'm no good without it.
And on top of that, I lost my sister's camera the other day...

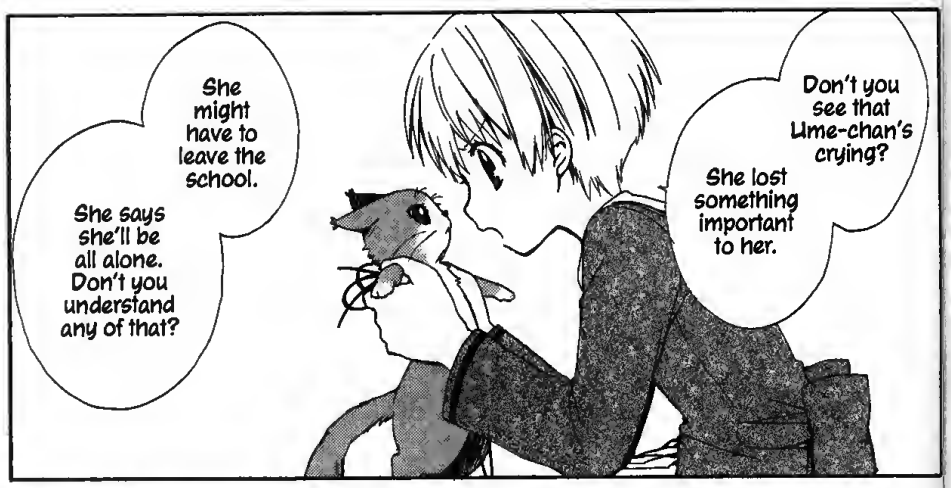
Oh, so that was her sister's too.
She looked so hard for it...

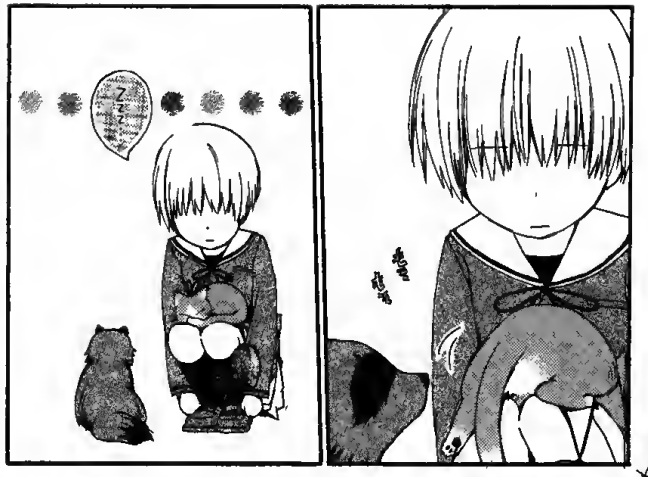
Yuck!


I'm going to get kicked out of school.
Then I'll be all alone again...


Alone? What about her sister?
Oh!
Maybe... she died?
It's possible... She is an animal...
Sis

D-don't cry, Ume-chan!
I'll help you!
Please don't cry!


She might have to leave the school.
She says she'll be all alone. Don't you understand any of that?
Don't you see that Ume-chan's crying?
She lost something important to her.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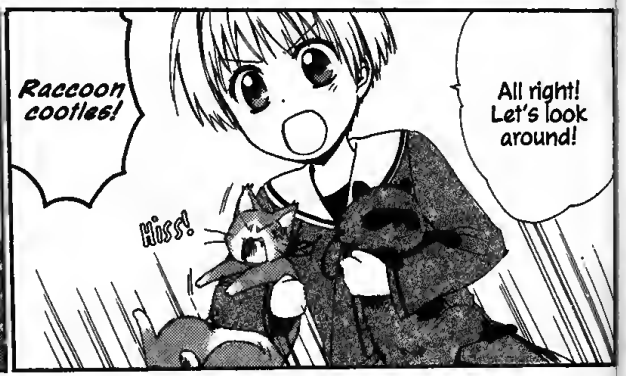
Move!

Ah... Um...
Then get down.

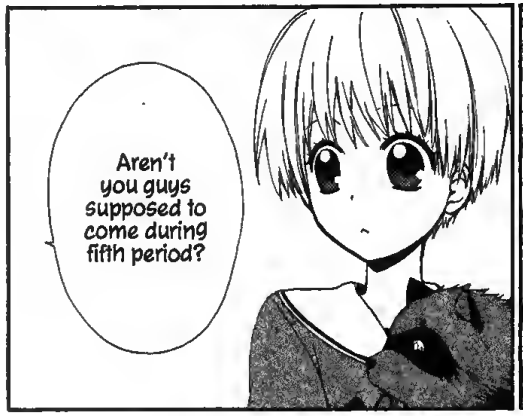

Raccoon cooties!
hiss!
All right! Let's look around!

I really want to help her.
So don't cry.
Okay?
Grr!
Don't worry, we'll find it!

SHOCK

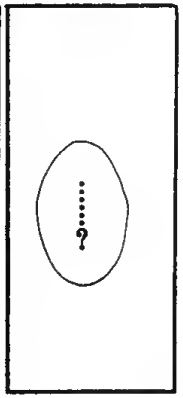
Can't you see we're having a touching moment here?!
!!

Looks like they're getting ready for some kind of festival.


Aren't you guys supposed to come during fifth period?

Hey, are you fresh-men?
You're here already?
...huh? Yes...
SYUGA

Fukuta-san's not here.
She left a mess.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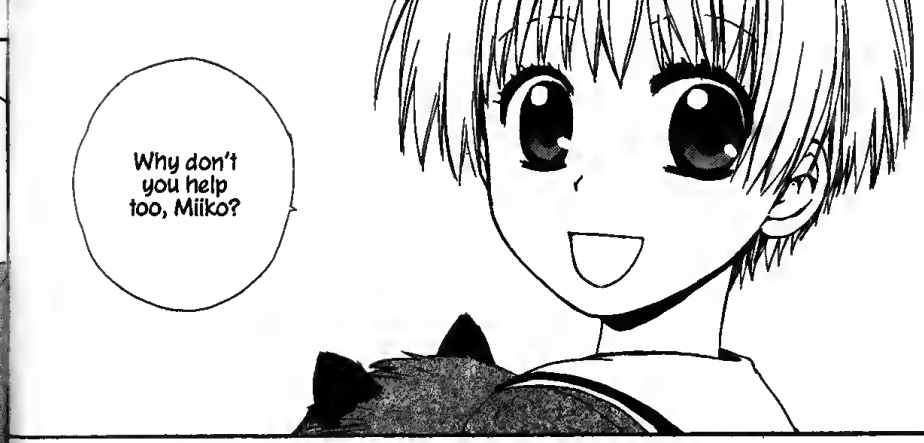
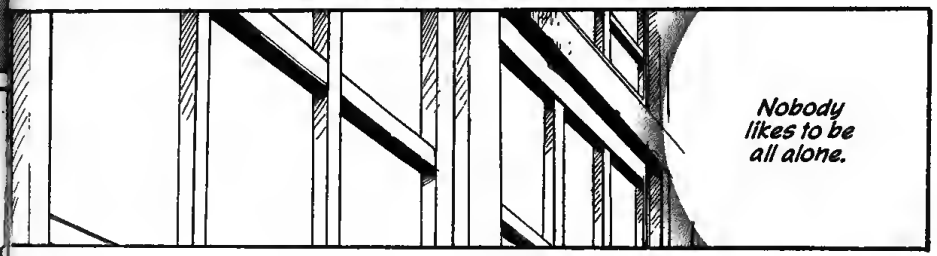
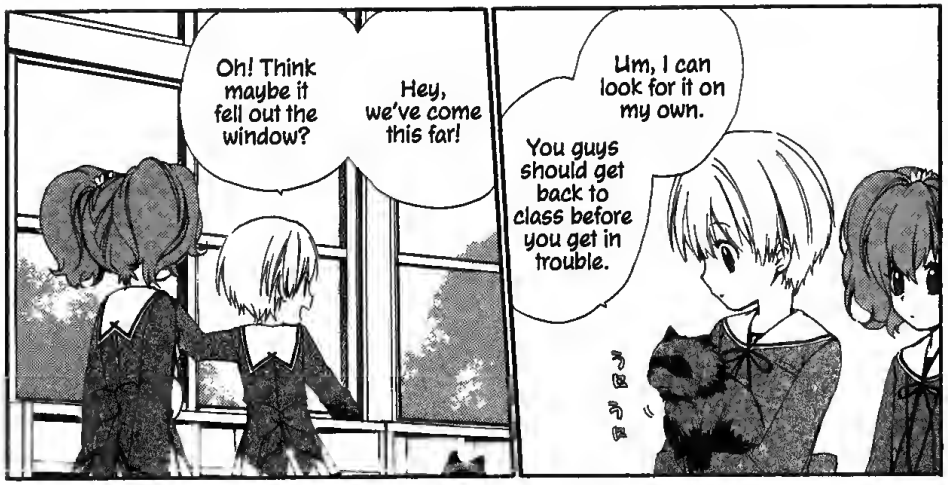

Why don't you help too, Miiko?


Nobody likes to be all alone.

So... around here?

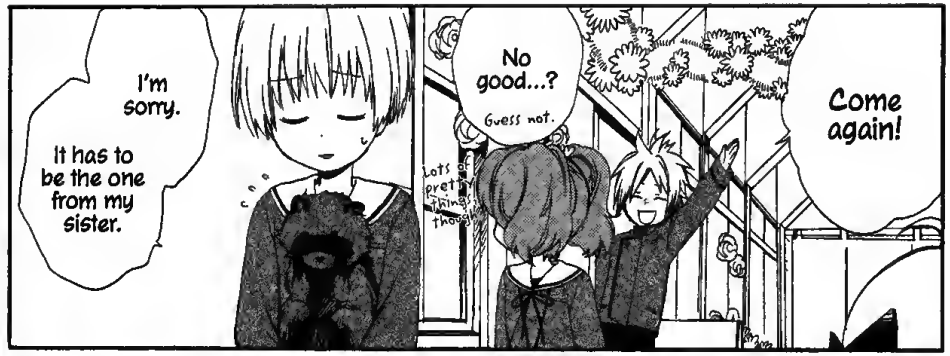
Even you appreciated having someone there with you, Miiko.

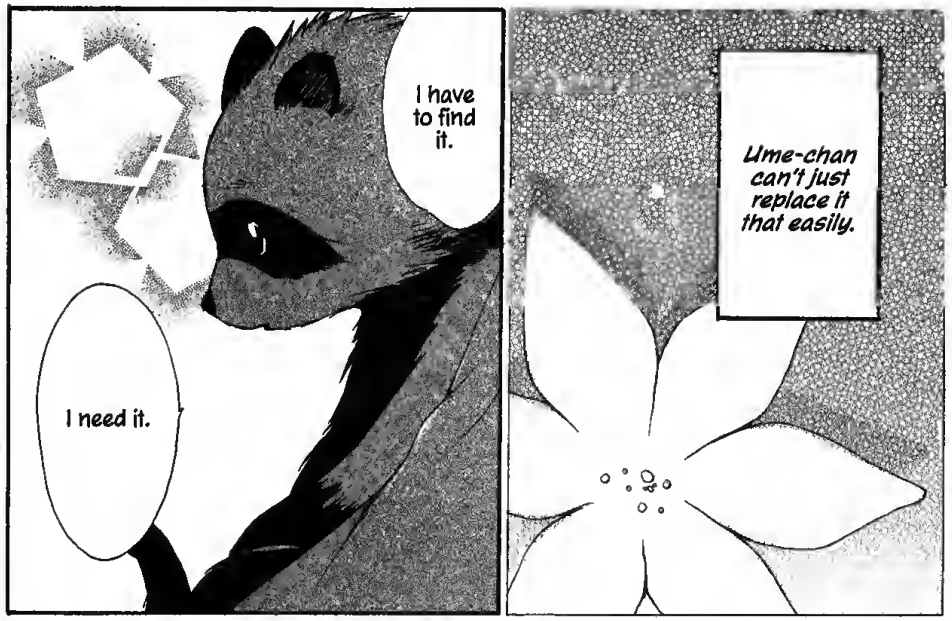
Maybe something happened ...
I'd better pick 'em up.
Hey, Yuichi! Miiko was with Fune, right?
Yeah. She was.
And that raccoon, Kama-beer?
Er... Kamaba-san...? Yeah...
I think so.
?
I'm gonna go find them!
What?!
Kotaro--! Stay and help me!
You suck!
First years don't know anything when they get to the school, right?
So we figure the best way to teach them about the school clubs is to show them!
My friend lost her hair clip somewhere around here.
Have you seen it?
It's a pink flower.
It's best to make an informed decision about your club!
Did you get a pamphlet?
Oh... Not yet.
Huh?
Wanna check our club out, though?
A pink flower...?
Not sure.
We're the crafts club!
They had lots of nice stuff, but...


Oh! Think maybe it fell out the window?
Hey, we've come this far!
Um, I can look for it on my own.
You guys should get back to class before you get in trouble.

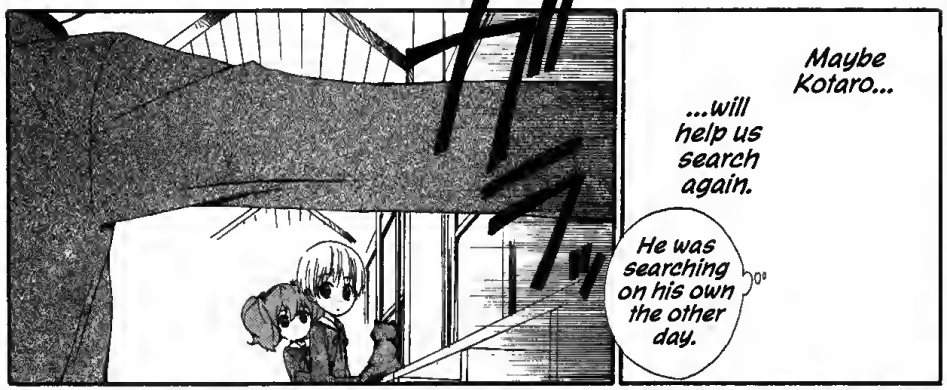
We're your friends, so you can count on us!

Let's keep looking, Miiko!


I'm sorry.
It has to be the one from my sister.
No good...?
Guess not.
Come again!


I have to find it.
I need it.
Ume-chan can't just replace it that easily.

Otherwise my sister will be sad...



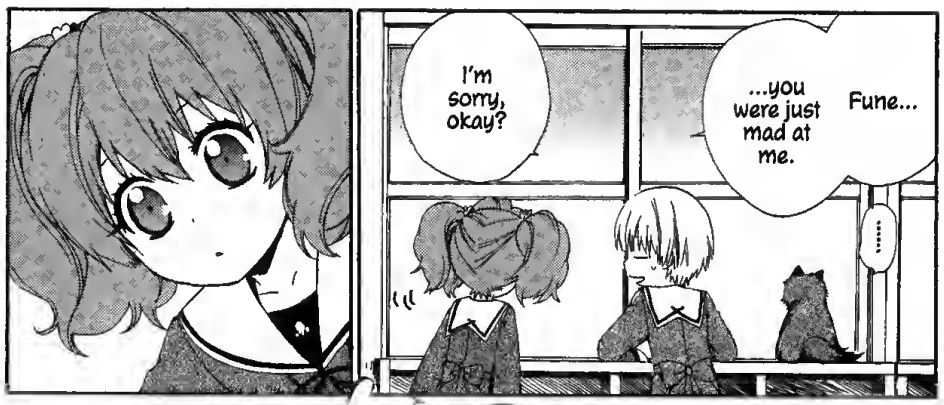
Maybe Kotaro...

...will help us search again.

He was searching on his own the other day.

But surprisingly...

...Kotaro seemed more interested in Ume-chan than Miiko this time.



I'm sorry, okay?

...you were just mad at me.

Fune...

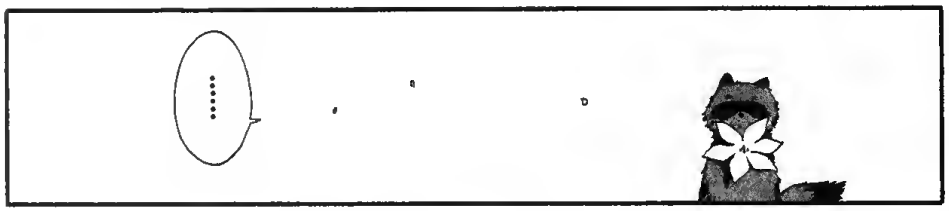
.....

Wait right there!

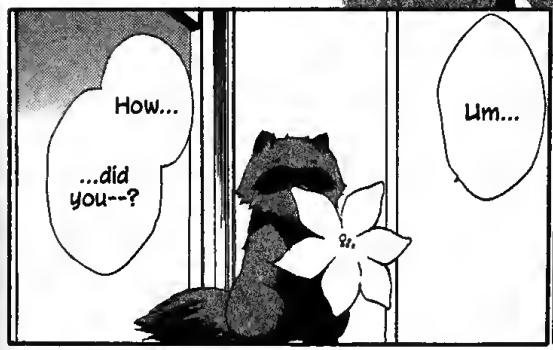
Oh!

There you are!

Kotaro?



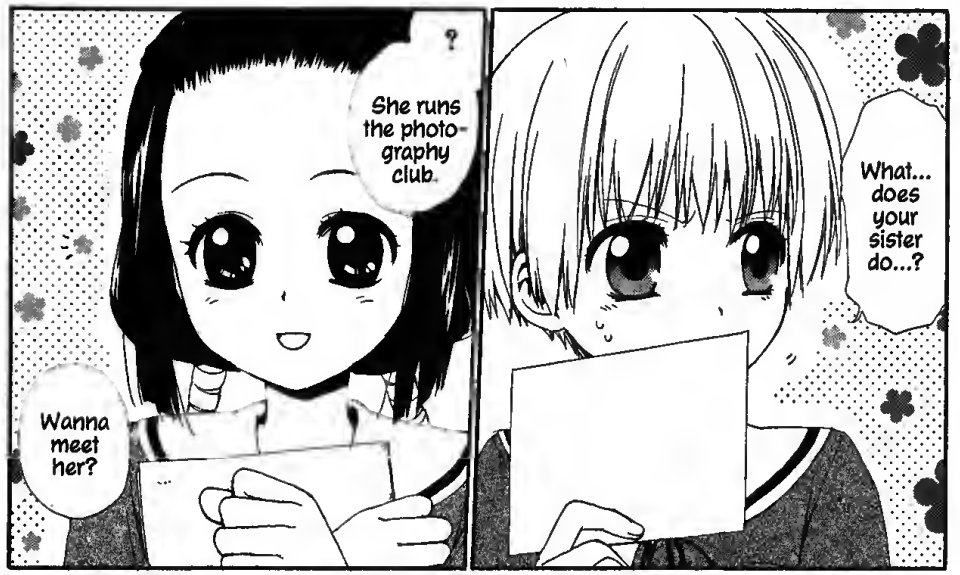
I was just asked to give it back to her.

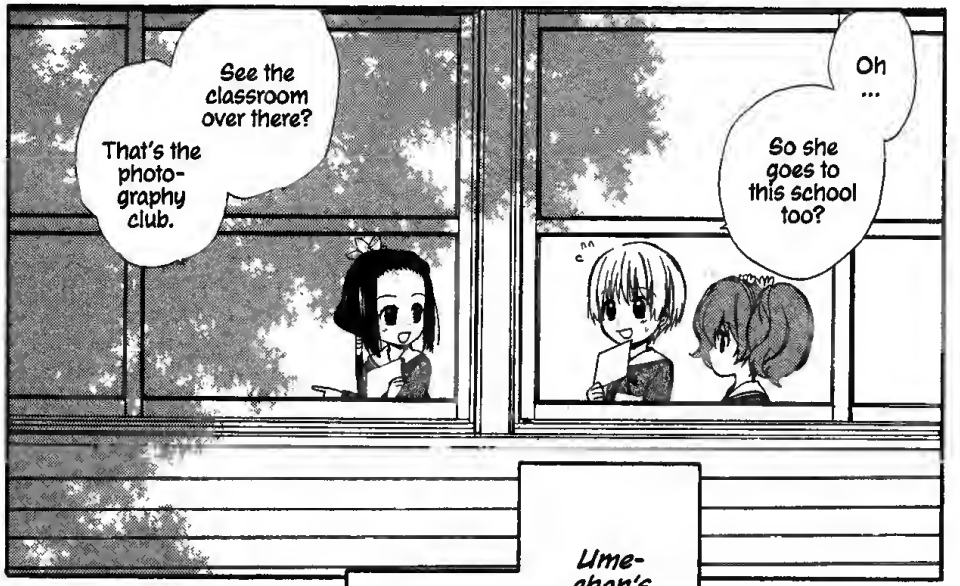


...I developed them for you.
Here...
Got a minute?
Ume-chan!
Every-thing okay now?
Yes!
My sister was so happy when she saw the photo.
.....
For you, too!
Oh, from the other day! Thanks!
ooooooooo
She was glad to finally see a picture of my friends!

I see...
Well, I guess we'd better get back to class.
Fukuta-san! Suzuhara-san!

# Report.7 Take Your Time



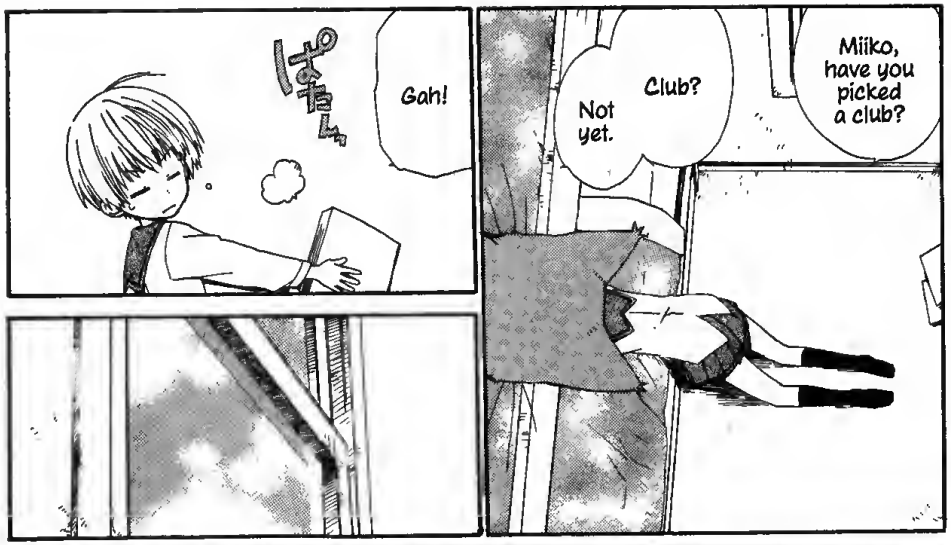




*Ume-chan's sister...*

*...was really nice, and showed me and Miiko around the club.*

*I can't tell her...*

*...that I thought she was dead.*


Miiko, have you picked a club?
Club?
Not yet.
Gah!
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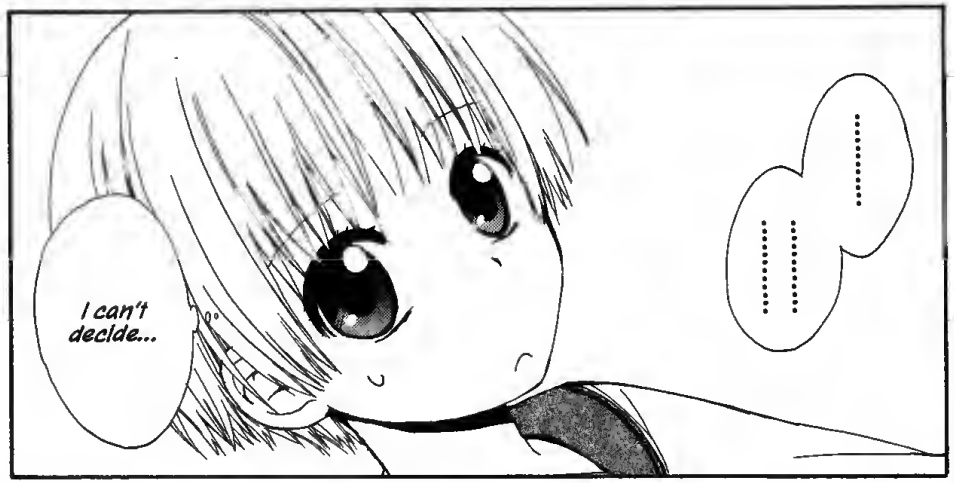
I can't decide...
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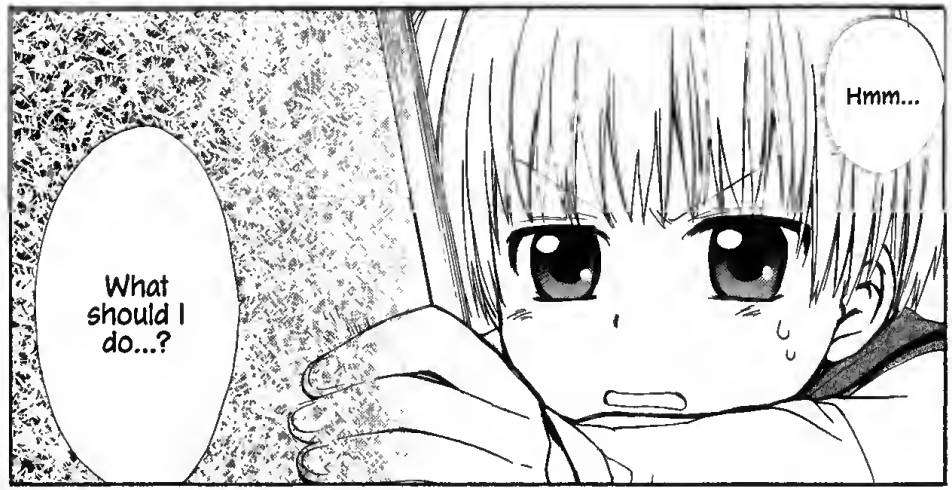
It looks so nice outside.
Oh...
It's May already...

The next day was like a festival, with everyone visiting all the on-campus clubs.
Theater Club


Hmm...
What should I do...?

It's true--all the second and third years' clubs and birthdays are in here.
But not their species...
...so I can't find that snake.
MORIMORIGITEN
盛木
"Almost everything about this school is in this book."

Huh?
You're amazing, Fune.
Oh!
You read so well.
MORIMORIGITEN

Stop asking me.
But...
Now...
Where's our class?
Which club is best?
Any ideas, Miiko?

Huh...?

It's a list of our whole class!
I see my name!
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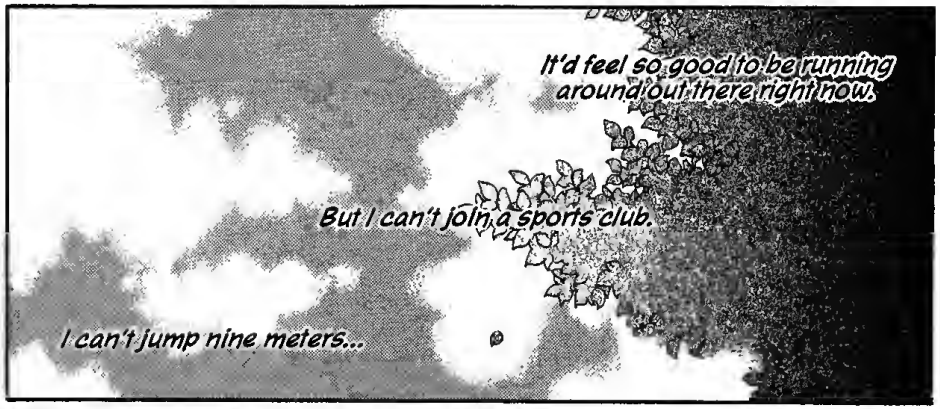
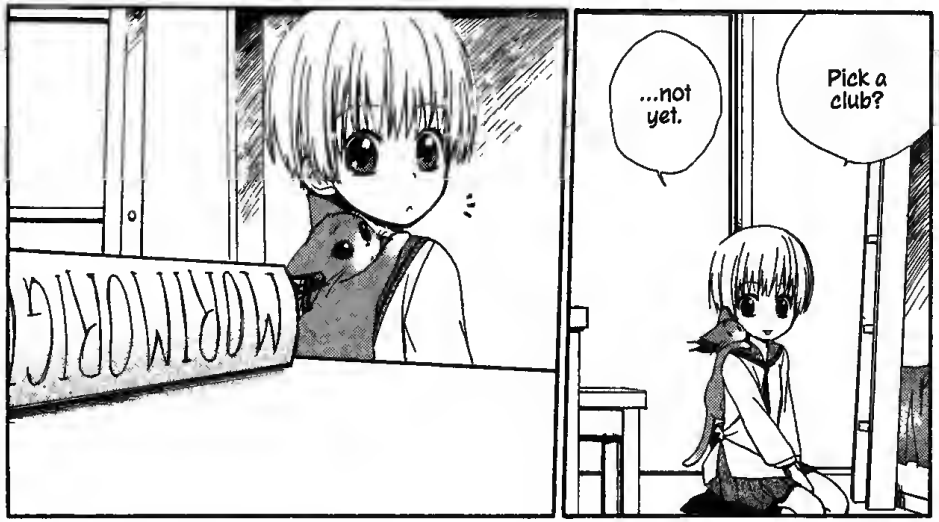

It'd feel so good to be running around out there right now.
But I can't join a sports club.
I can't jump nine meters...

Nothing.
What is it, Miiko?
...you scared me!
Ack--!
Fune!
Don't pounce on me out of nowhere like that.
SWAFF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...not yet.
Pick a club?

What about me?
Oh... Nothing's written for me.
But how?! We haven't picked our clubs yet!
Nothing for you either.

!!!
A foreign name?!
"Kotaro Araki Silvino Karamatsu."
Does it matter?
Wow!
"Karamatsu" is Japanese, though...
MORI MORI GITTEN
Nothing for Ume-chan...
Nothing for Takuma-kun...
Basketball
And Sasuke-kun's is all crossed out or something.
Soccer

Rin Tome 3 / 1 2
Neko Fukuta 2 / 2 2
Minno Tsukigusa 3 / 2 0
Our birthdays are listed...
...but I only submitted mine yesterday.

Huh?! Our clubs are listed too?!
Kotaro, basketball club...
...all along?
Maybe they've been there...
Smart answer!

There's a form in it that you tear out and use as your club application.
This club introduction pamphlet is really useful.
Omigosh! What's this club...?!
Ninja--?!!
Ninja club...!
Wh--
What should I do?
Believe it!
Neko's imagination.

What do you want to do, Fune?
What a weird book.
I was scared the book was reading the future or something.
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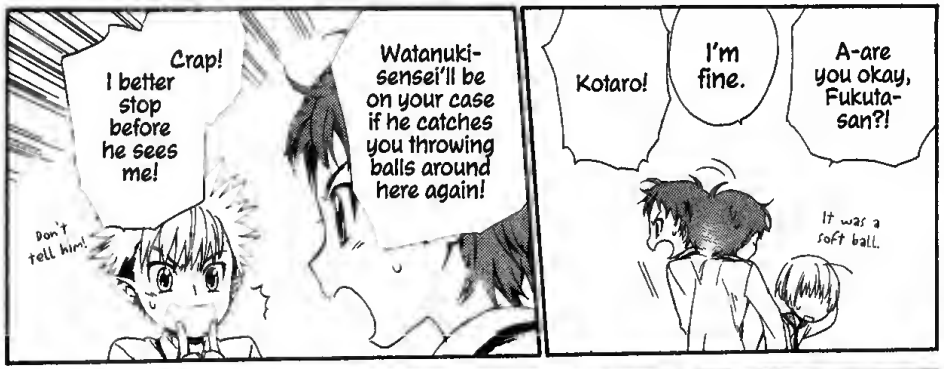
Err...
Ninja Club

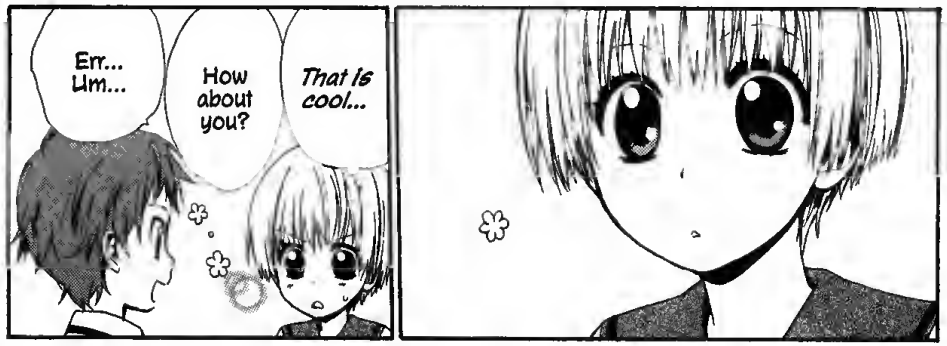
Hey, sorry about that!
Oh, Yuichi! Fune!
.....
...whoa!
But...
I have always been in sports clubs...
Hmm...

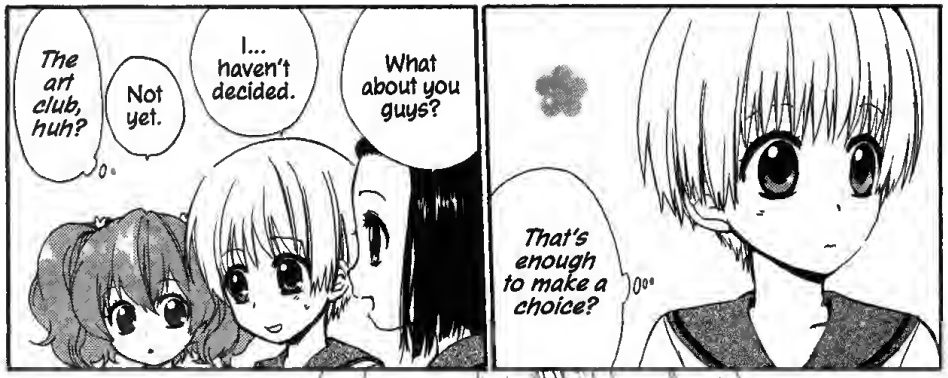

Crap! I better stop before he sees me!
Don't tell him!
Watanuki-sensei'll be on your case if he catches you throwing balls around here again!
Kotaro!
I'm fine.
A-are you okay, Fukuta-san?!
It was a soft ball.

The basketball club...
Apologize to them!
Soft ball

I'm signing up for basketball!
Huh? You're gonna be in a sports club?
I'm accepting the challenge!
I just applied.

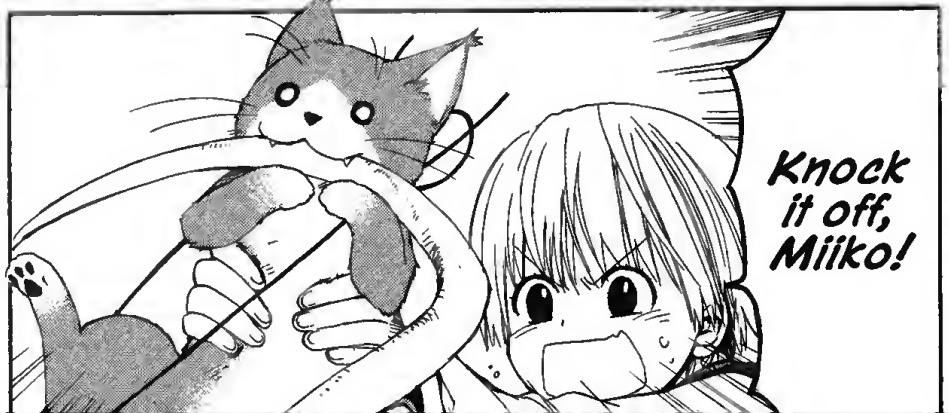
Think about it!
Wouldn't it be really cool if I got good enough to play in games?

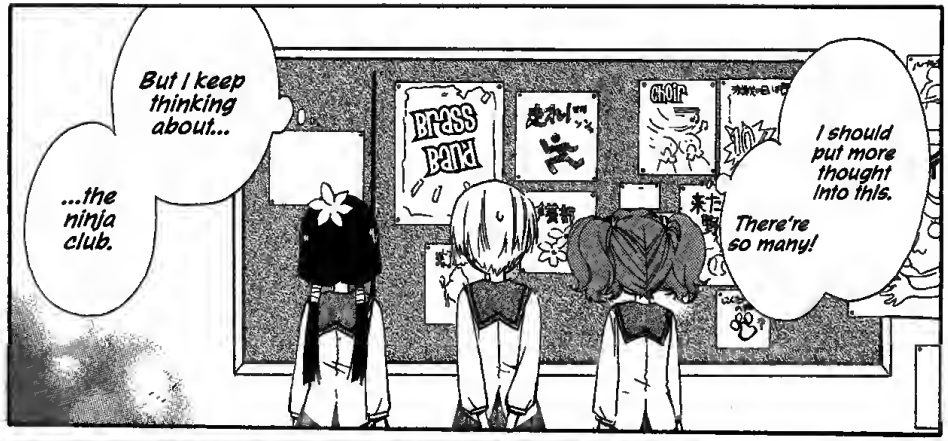

Err... Um...
How about you?
That is cool...

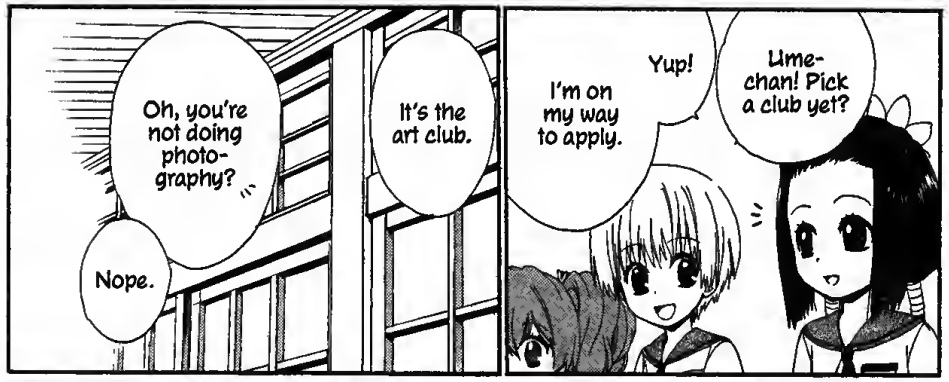

The art club, huh?
Not yet.
I... haven't decided.
What about you guys?
That's enough to make a choice?

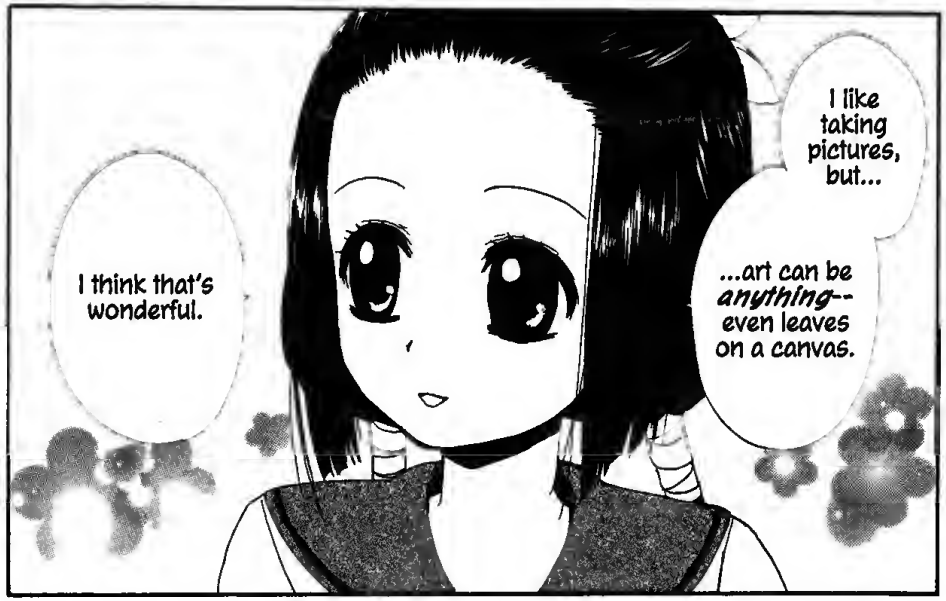
Wait! Does the ninja club count as a sports club?
I don't know...
Who knows...?
I'm not very good at art or music.
Hmm...
Ugh, it's making my head spin... Around and around...

Oh...
Huh?
Yeah, like a snake...
Snake!


Knock it off, Miiko!


But I keep thinking about...
...the ninja club.
Brass Band
Choir
I should put more thought into this.
There're so many!


Oh, you're not doing photo-graphy?
Nope.
It's the art club.
I'm on my way to apply.
Yup!
Ume-chan! Pick a club yet?


I think that's wonderful.
I like taking pictures, but...
...art can be anything-- even leaves on a canvas.

S-sure.
Well, see you later!
Oh, Miiko...!
It got away!
I'd definitely join a sports club if this was a normal school, but...
Now I wish...
...that book would just tell me which club to pick, so I could stop worrying so much!
Darn...
If only I could run faster...
...sorry. I didn't know you were scared of them.
Um... I don't think I can be friends with a sn-snake...
Oops.
Ume-chan, this snake needs help!
No eating or drinking fellow students!
I can't help it! I was bored.
H-hey! You keep attacking this student! Stop it!

Wait, where am I now...?
WHAM
Here?
In there! It went into this room!
Art Room
Huh!
I...I was running pretty fast, huh?
Snake!
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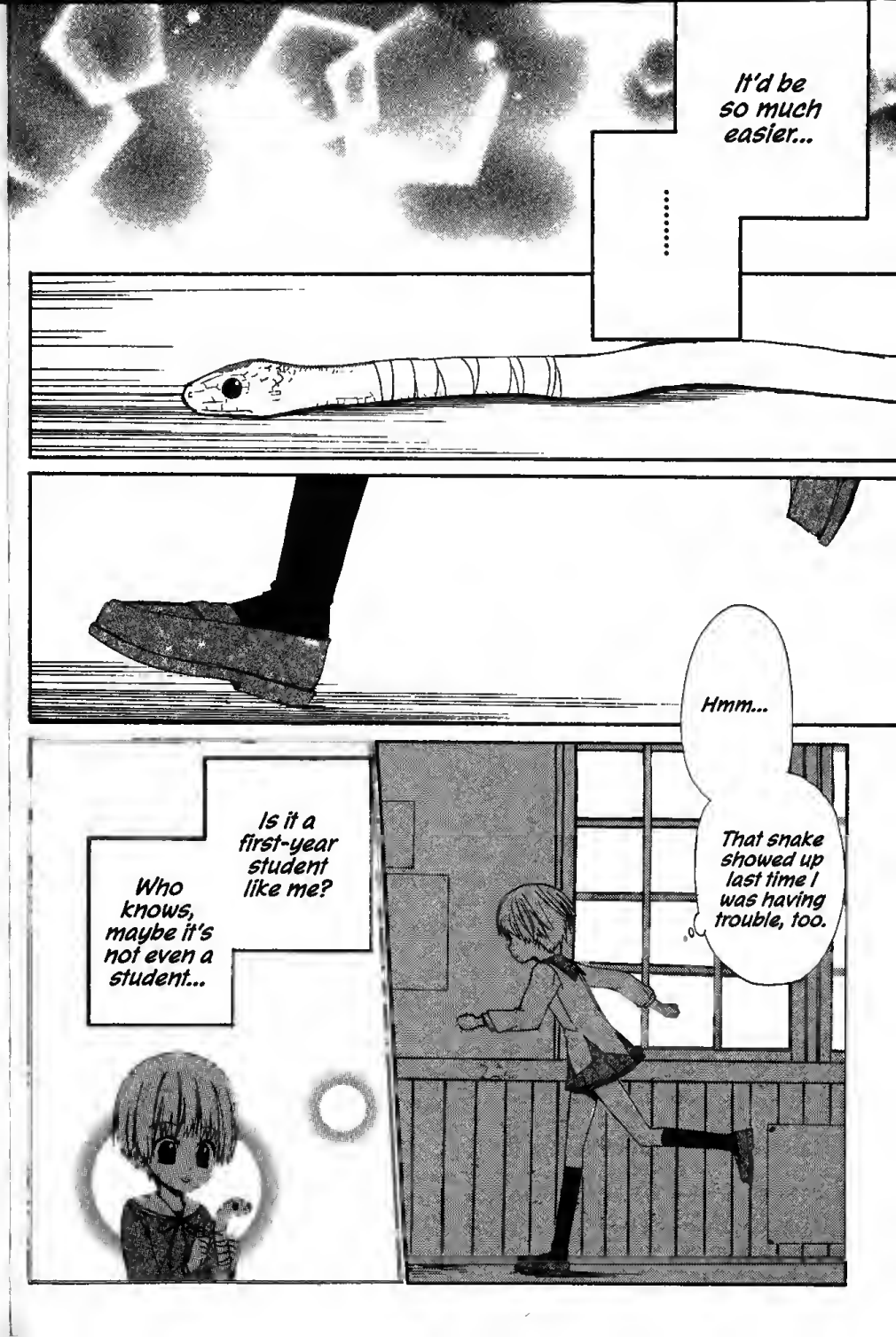
It'd be so much easier...
.....
Hmm...
That snake showed up last time I was having trouble, too.
Is it a first-year student like me?
Who knows, maybe it's not even a student...

Huh?
So you're Silvino Karamatsu...?
Oh, I just remembered because you have a foreign name.
So did you know you'd be joining the art club when you enrolled here?
Stinky!

It's a blue sky?
Really...?
It's so pretty!
Wow!
Blue is a difficult color.

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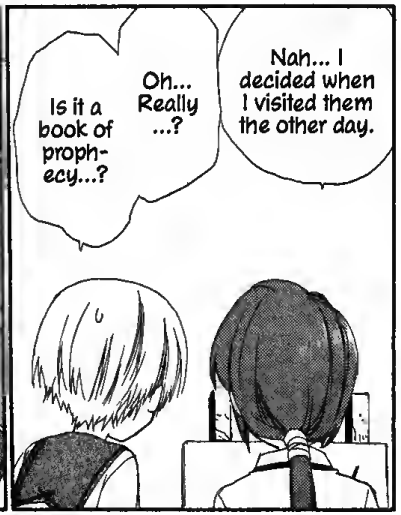
...was that supposed to be an answer to my question?

Be quiet.
Oh, the Morimori handbook.
Book of prophecy?


Is it a book of prophecy...?
Oh... Really ...?
Nah... I decided when I visited them the other day.

Huh? A snake?
...did a snake come in here?
Um... Excuse me, but...

SLAM

Quiet down!

I'm trying to concentrate here, guys.
And Silvino's the only snake in our class.
"Sasuke" is fine.
Sasuke-kun!

Art...?

Silvino's been here the whole time.
You mean me?

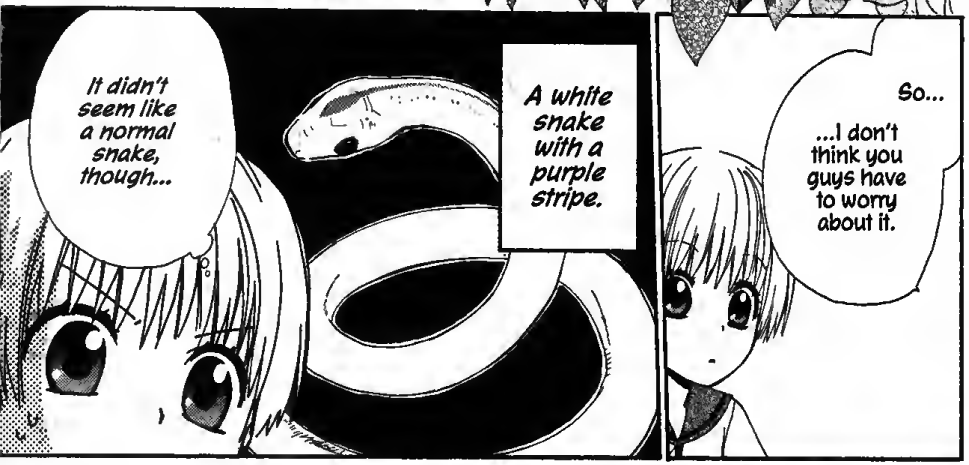
"Almost everything...is in this book."
Um, well...
I'm not sure.
Does everyone else?
I don't have one.
?
What do you mean?
Just what it sounds like...
Stinky!
Mind if I look at your...
...hand-book?

Since "kuma" means bear...
...is the kid named Kagekuma a bear?
You mean Kagekuma Kinoshita? He's my roommate and he's a cat.
He was going after a snake on the first day of school.
So...he got you, Silvino-kun?
I was fine.
I stayed in my room that day.
Oh, that idiot Kino-shita?
He chases anything that moves.
Fukuta-san...
...what's the Morimori handbook?
Huh?
Oh, that's good...
A different snake, then...
Be quiet.

He's really focused...
And Miiko doesn't mind him...
Who's he?
Sasuke-kun. From our class.
Oh.
How unusual.

You won't fall?
No, I'm used to this.
Plus, I'll get in trouble if they catch me in the girls' dorm.
MORIMORI GAKUEN
To tell you the truth, it's so thick I haven't read much of it yet.

Right.
Meaning... he's not a student?
Maybe that's how that ... snake gets ... in.
But what if there's a very small opening that appears from time to time?
Like the size of a leaf or something.
This school has a barrier around it...
...and the only way in is through the gate.



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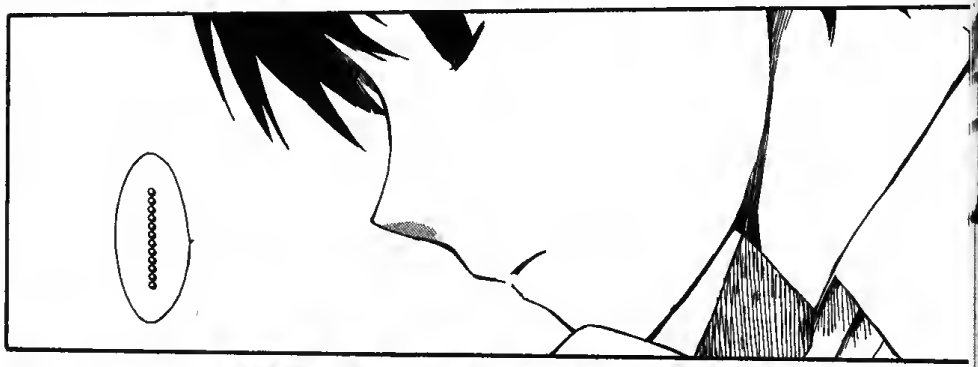

Good point.
Oh...
Right.
So how did you get it?

You didn't do very well on the last test, Sasuke-kun.
Was that on purpose?
MORIMORI GI TEN

Why?
Why ...?
Just curious.

What's going on?
You seem smart to me.

So maybe--
No, never mind. Perhaps it's been that way all along.
...oh, well.

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Take care.

Sorry.
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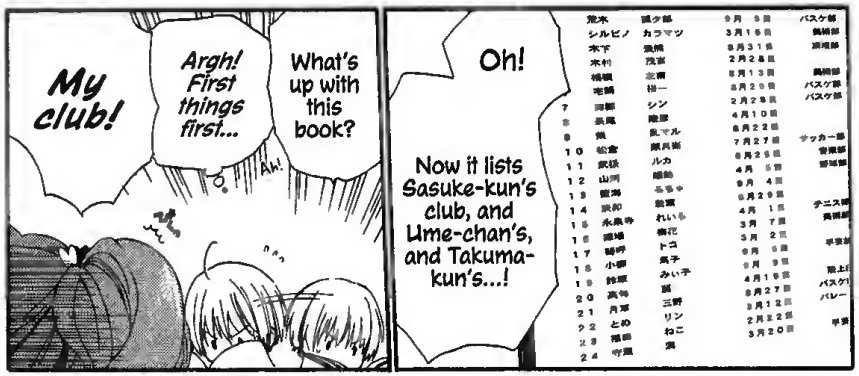
You wouldn't have any use for a book full of human words, right?

A cat...

I was out of line.
Sorry.
MORIMORIGITEN


My club!
Argh! First things first...
What's up with this book?
Oh!
Now it lists Sasuke-kun's club, and Ume-chan's, and Takuma-kun's...!

THUMP

Hmm... I just can't get it out of my mind...
The ninja club...

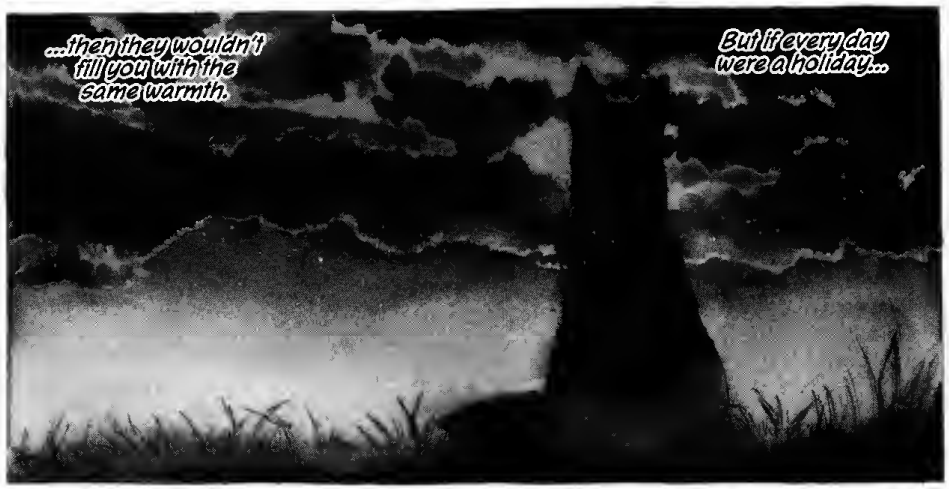
I did the same thing...
I'm going with this one.

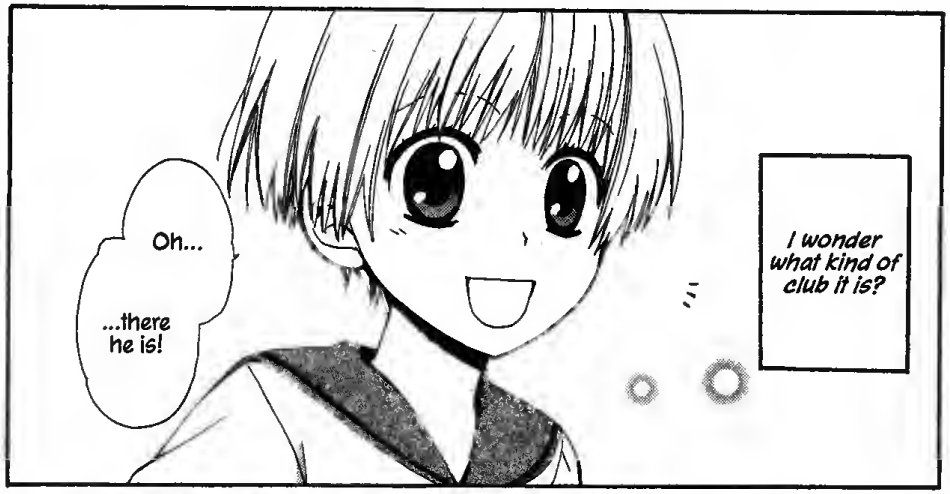
I hope you'll let me see that book again...
...some-time.
MORIMORIGITEN

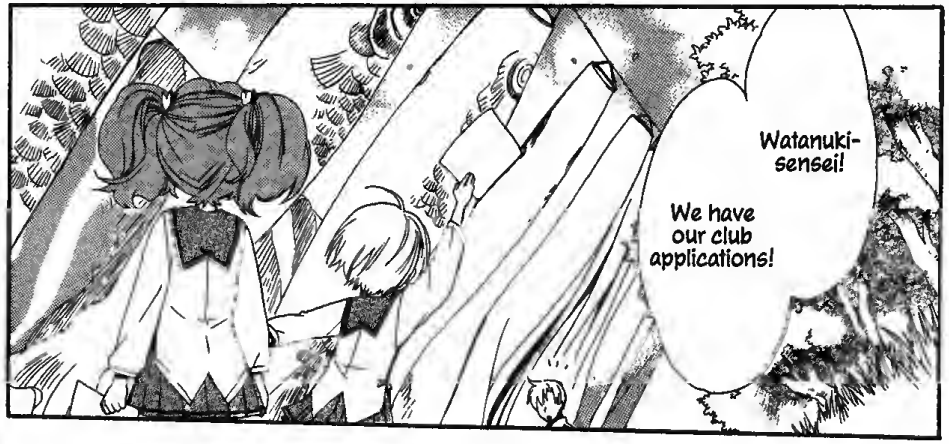
They're carp flags!
But I've never seen any that huge!
What're those?
Wow...!
Did the teachers do this?
Today's May 5th-- Children's Day! Those symbolize us growing up!
Oh...
Ninja Club
Ninja
So...is the ninja club a sports club?

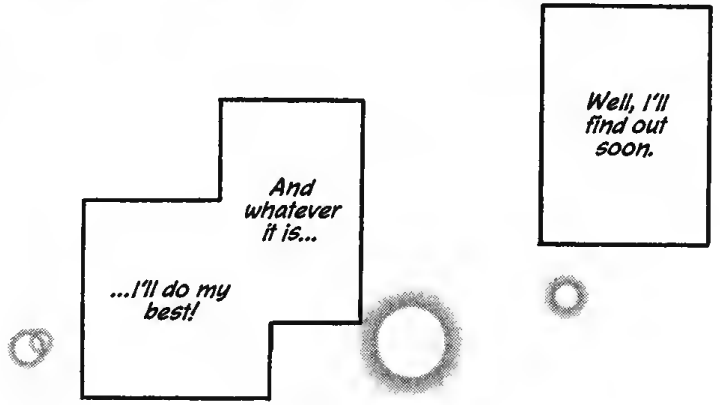
What is "warmth," anyway?

If you get right down to it, a person could celebrate something different every day.


...then they wouldn't fill you with the same warmth.
But if every day were a holiday...


Oh...
...there he is!
I wonder what kind of club it is?


Watanuki-sensei!
We have our club applications!

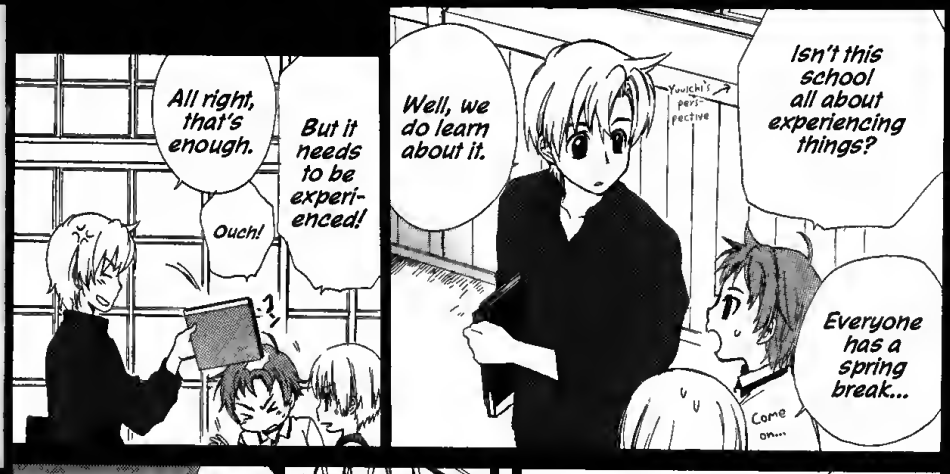

Well, I'll find out soon.
And whatever it is...
...I'll do my best!

# Report.8 Curl Up, Get Cozy

What're you two talking about?
This really sucks...
N-nothing...
?
Toko Kotoko (Cat)
Wipe the window.
Here you go!
You're so smart, Fune.
Yeah?
?
And I'm a princess.
Heh.
No Golden Week...?
Why not?!

Huh? Golden Week?
No, we don't have that.
Nobody told us...
I was sure we'd have it. I even packed for it!
Yeah... I really thought we'd get a spring break...

And throwing them out of here for a week...
...could really mess up the rhythm they've been settling into.


All right, that's enough.
But it needs to be experienced!
Ouch!
Well, we do learn about it.
Isn't this school all about experiencing things?
Youichi's perspective
Everyone has a spring break...
Come on...

Later, then.
We're done here.
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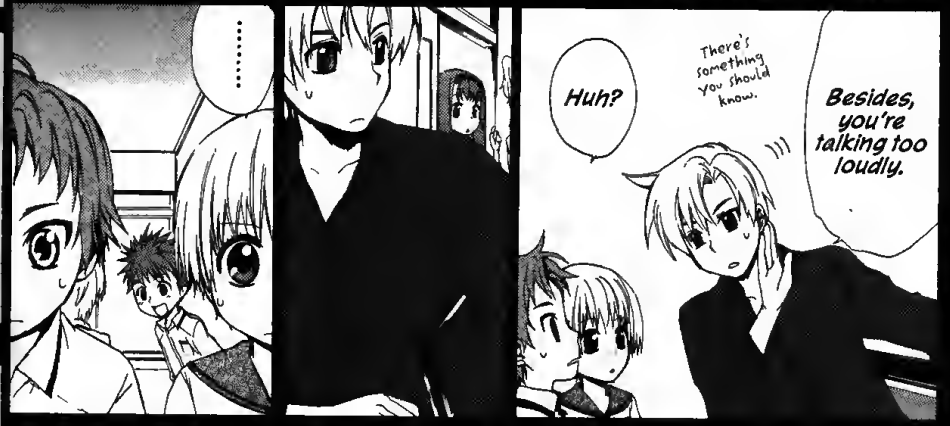
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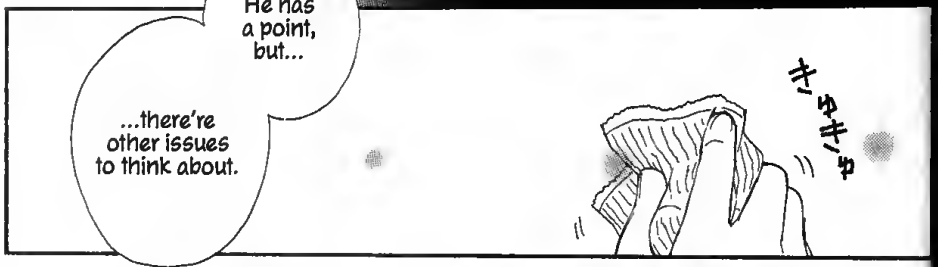
Huh?
There's something you should know.
Besides, you're talking too loudly.


He has a point, but...
...there're other issues to think about.
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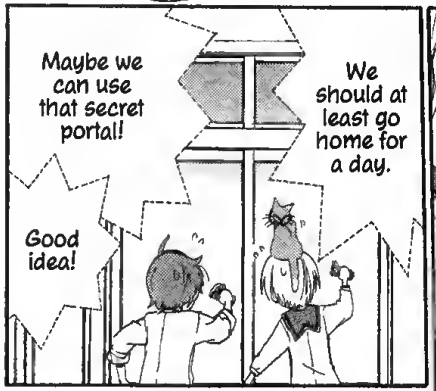

Maybe we can use that secret portal!
We should at least go home for a day.
Good idea!

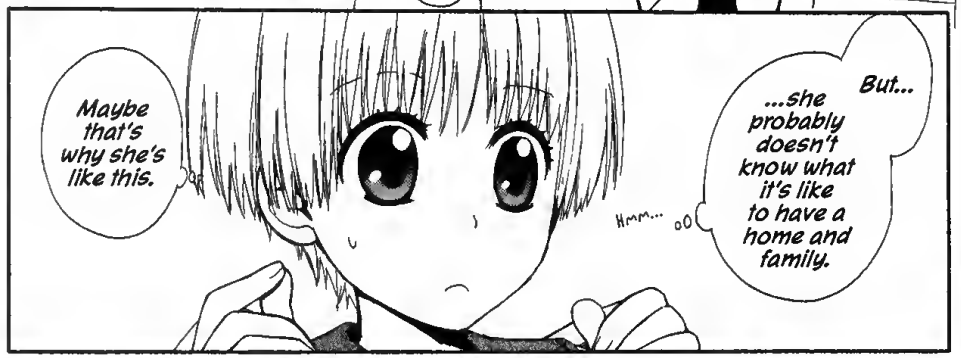
I mean, my parents might think something's up if I don't come home.
You know?
Yeah.

...don't have a home or family to spend a break with.
The thing is...
...many students here...

We might as well try!
This'll be tough...
I'll check over there!
This campus is huge.
I-I guess I'll look too.
Huh?
Besides, I feel like it'll be okay if we find it ourselves!
"Many students here..."
Darn... I wanted to go back with even more people this time.
R-right.
I'll look around too.

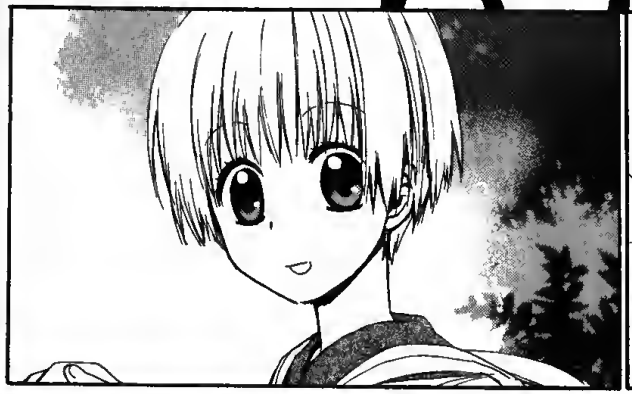
Yeah!
Let's head over there!
.....
.....
The hole is gone.
You can do it, Kotaro!
That's weird. I swear it was here...
"But what if there's...
...a very small opening that appears from time to time?"

Right...
Cat princess...
Why wouldn't you be with me?
?


Maybe that's why she's like this.
Hmm...
But... ...she probably doesn't know what it's like to have a home and family.

I'll look!
You wanna help?
All right! Let's find that portal!
If I had a little sister like Miiko, I know I'd really spoil her.
I only have a little brother.

"...don't have a home or family to spend a break with."



My senses are saying it's over there!

Heh heh...
W-well... Right now... ...are you happy being with me?

Ouch...

What's a family?
Do you have a family, Miiko?

!
I wonder if Kotaro...
...or Sasuke-kun could find it.
Feels like he could.
.....
Hmm...
If I can get home...
Looking for an exit?

You almost never turn back into a fox unless you're asleep, right?
You're great at transforming.
Why don't you come, too?
Remember Golden Week, that human vacation we learned about? I thought I'd go home and check it out.
Go where?
.....
Uh... Yeah...
Home ...?
Zzz...
Hey, Miiko--
How're we going to find it?

*It's kind of hard to talk to him...*

*It feels like he knows everything...*

Do you miss the outside world?
There's a phone there.
At night, if you can.
You should go to the first floor lounge in the dorm.
Since the seniors are there during the day.
The Dorm
3rd Floor=1st Years
2nd Floor=2nd Years
1st Floor=3rd Years
.....
Not really, but...

Hup!
What--?
Well, you said you can see a lot from up there, so...
Oh, right.
Heh.
You ever climb trees to catch beetles?
He's laughing at me?
Bug hunting?
Nope.
Then this is your first time?
You're a real city girl.
.....
Yeah ... I guess.
What am I doing?

Later.
See you in class.
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Wait...
Was that really Sasuke-kun...?
Huh?
What the--?!
...hold on!
You said I could call home?!
Vanished
Tell me more!

And it's connected to the outside world.
!
How do you know that?
.....
It's the same in the boys' dorm.
It costs, like, 10 yen for three minutes though.
Oh... So it's not free...
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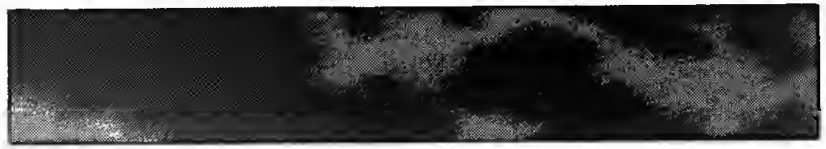
I don't know!
Somewhere far away...
.....

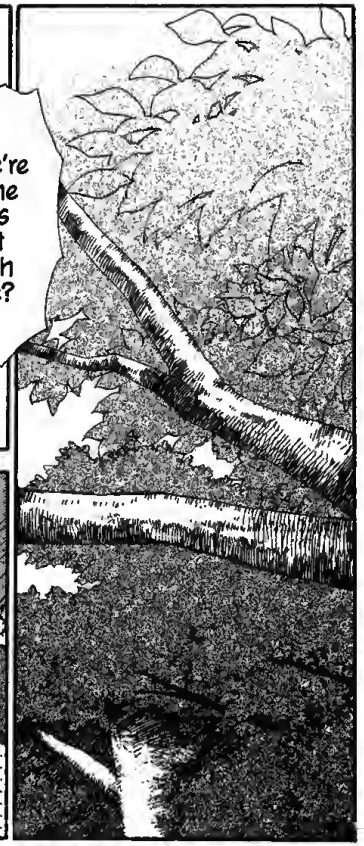
Fune...
Yeah?
Nothing!
What's wrong, Miiko?
Wh--
?
Uh...

...it's nothing.
Huh?



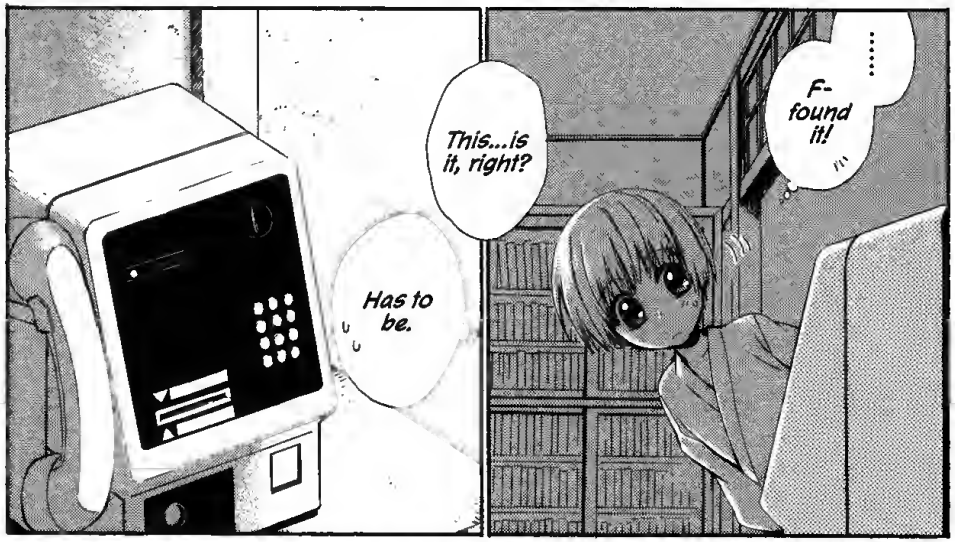
There're phone lines that reach here?
Around there?
Seriously?!

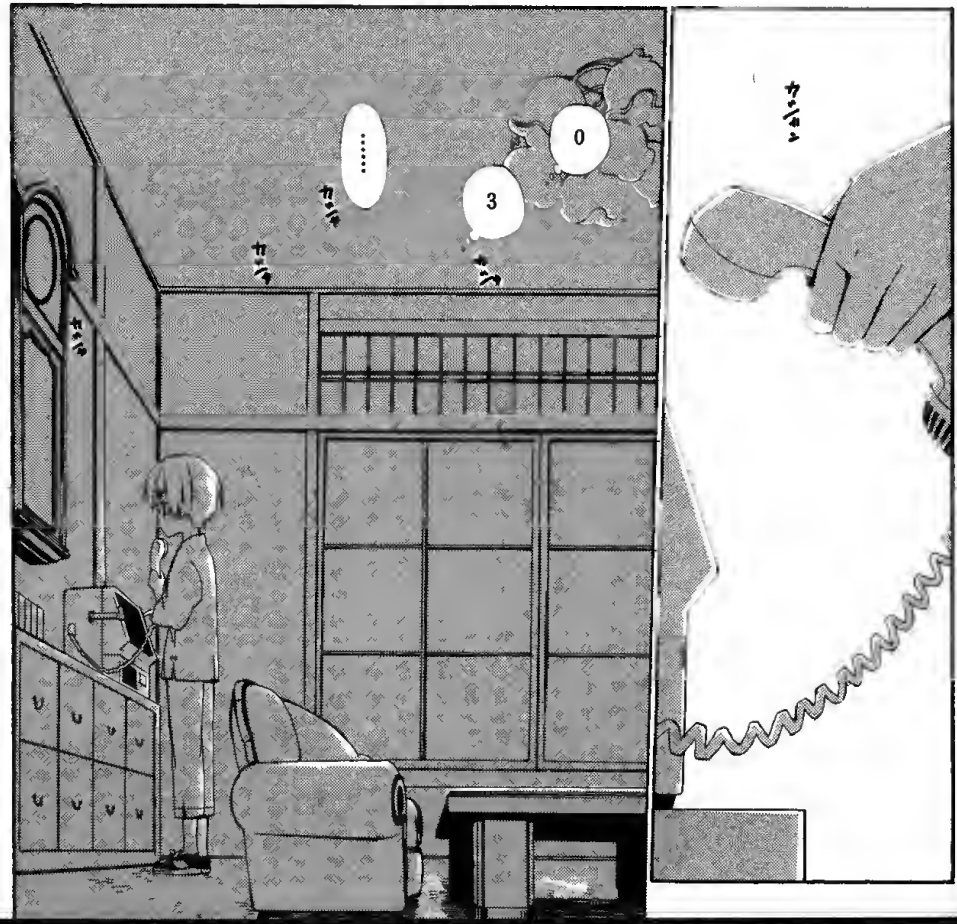
What'd he say?
It's true?
I don't know.
Not sure
They couldn't find the gate either.



...I wonder if Fune and Yuichi are going off somewhere?

With me?
Miiko is friendlier!
Those two sure are friendly.
With Fune.


F- found it!
This...is it, right?
Has to be.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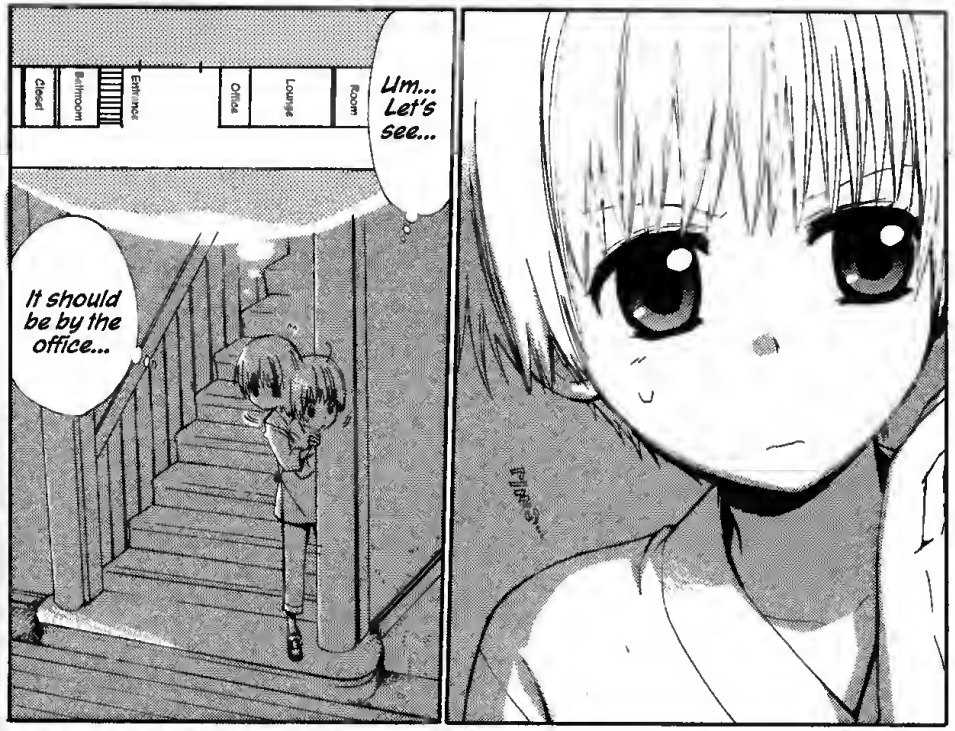

Um... Let's see...
It should be by the office...
Room
Lounge
Office
Entrance
Bathroom
Closet

It's kind of scary out here at night...
I should've come with Miiko.
But she was asleep.
Okay...
I have my change ...

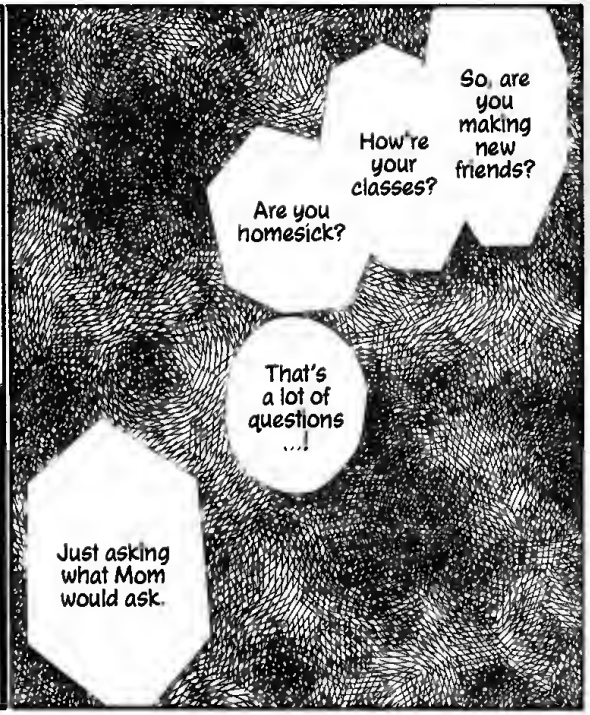
Should I hang up...?
Click
Hello?
...hello?
This is Neko Fukuta...
DOONG!
This is...
...so nerve-wracking!
BRRRR---NG...
.....
BRRRR---NG...
BRRRR---NG...
DOOONG!!
DOOONG!!
DOOONG!!
DOONG!
DOONG!
Wow, that's loud.
I didn't dial the wrong number, did I?
DOONG!
Oh, it's 11!
They might be asleep.
DOONG!
DOONG!

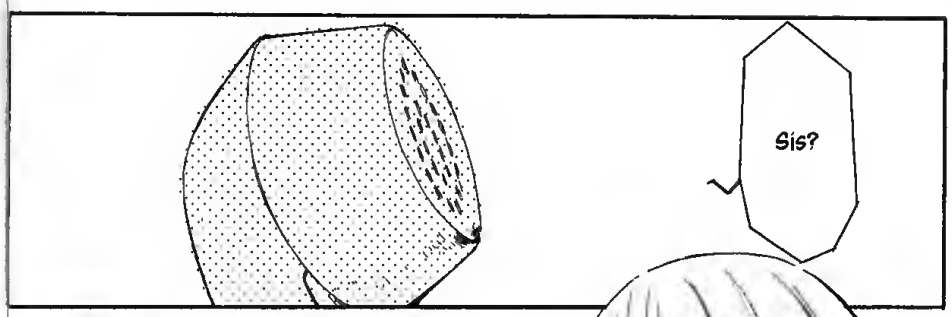
No, that's okay.
Yeah. Want me to wake her up?
Is Mom asleep?

She doesn't wanna smother you, so she swore she wouldn't call you.
She's really stubborn. Says the other parents probably aren't calling, so she can't either.
Right.
Not exactly ...

Just tell her I'm doing fine.
Sure thing.
It feels like I'm being tickled.

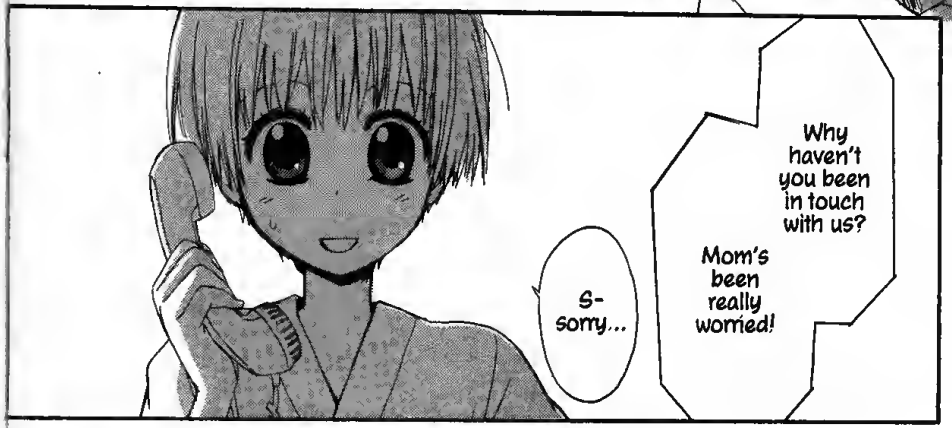
You sure are mature, Ken.
Hey, are you coming home for Golden Week?


So, are you making new friends?
How're your classes?
Are you homesick?
That's a lot of questions ...!
Just asking what Mom would ask.


Sis?

Thank goodness! You're still up?
Of course not!
Do you know what time it is?
Sorry...

Ken?!
(Her younger brother)


S-sorry...
Mom's been really worried!
Why haven't you been in touch with us?

Hey...
...I'm worried about you.
Guess what? I'm second in my class!
No way! What kind of school is it?!
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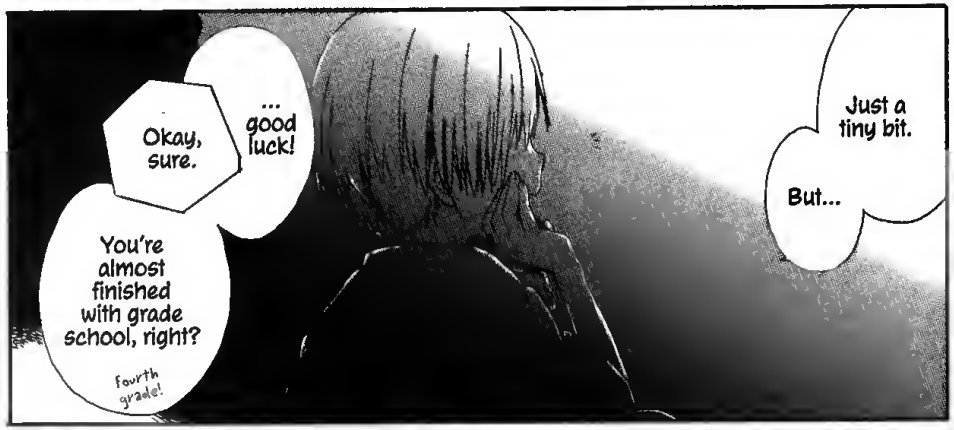
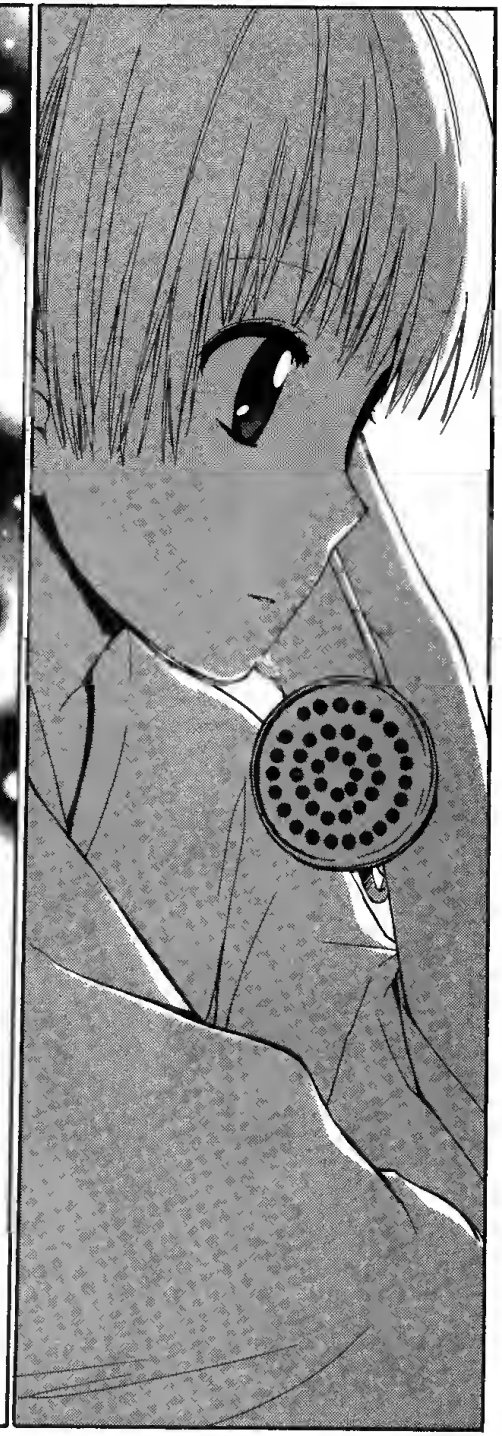
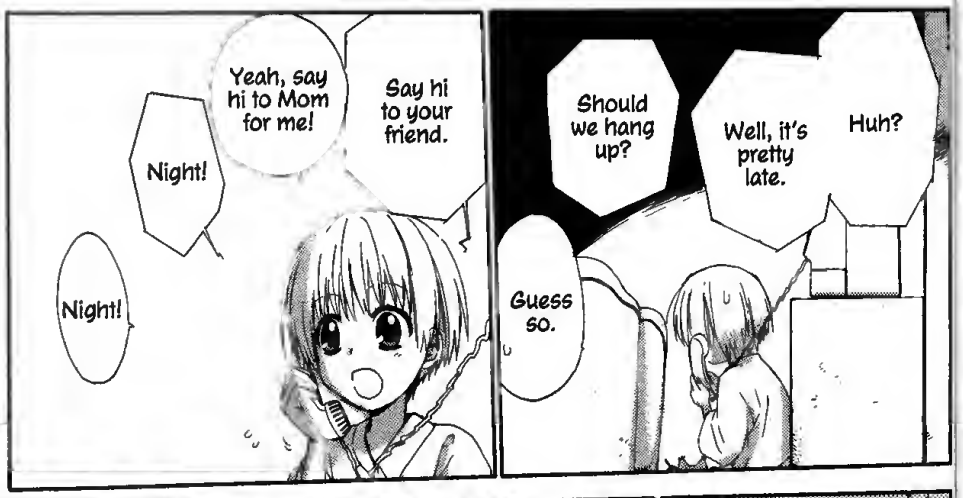

Just a tiny bit.
But...
... good luck!
Okay, sure.
You're almost finished with grade school, right?
fourth grade!

Sure, sure, I'll do my best--
Yeah, well... I'll be fine.
You do your best too, sis!

Sorry...
This school doesn't have a spring break.
Oh...
Maybe I just didn't have time to feel homesick.
And my schoolwork is just gonna get harder.




Yeah, say hi to Mom for me!
Say hi to your friend.
Night!
Night!


Should we hang up?
Well, it's pretty late.
Huh?
Guess so.

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She came all the way down here...
...because I wasn't in the room?
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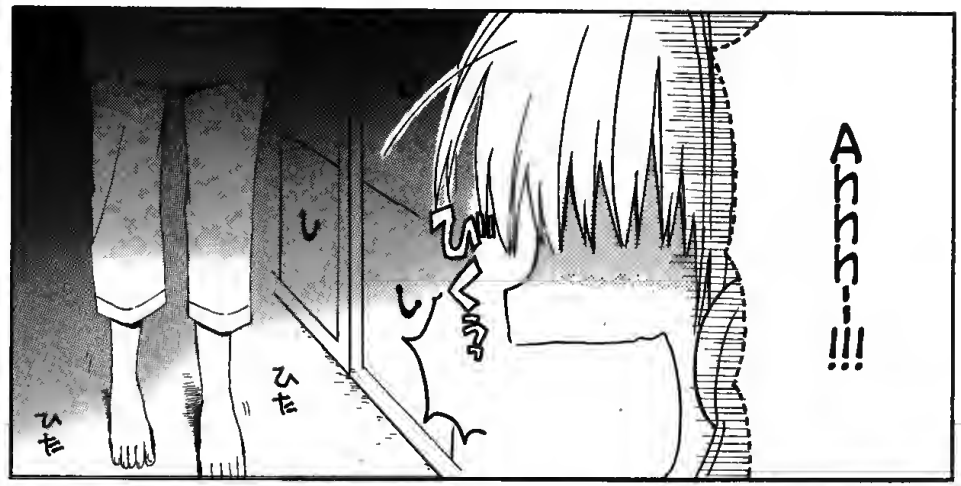
Ahhh!!!
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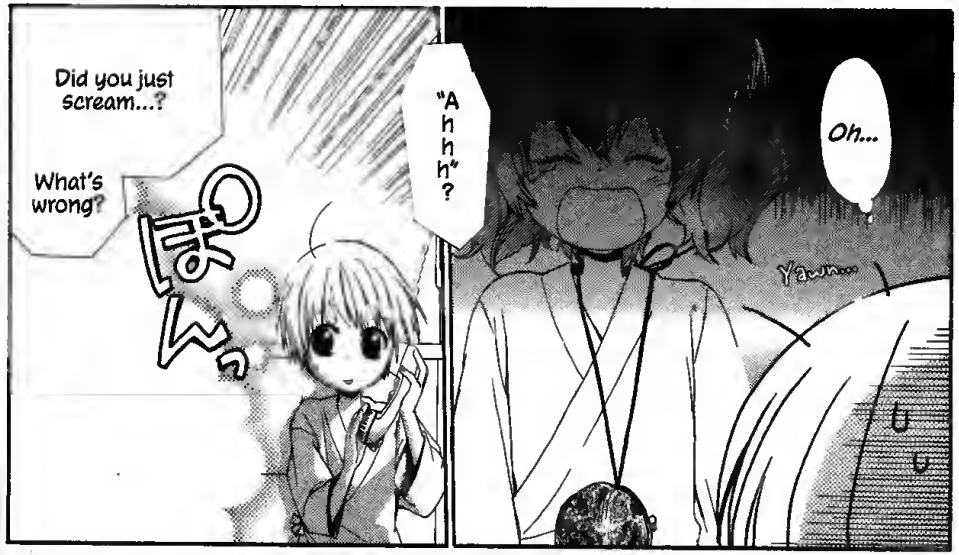
Did you just scream...?
What's wrong?
"Ahhh"?
Oh...
Yawn...

Nah...
My roommate was just yawning...
ZZZ.
Some-thing happen?
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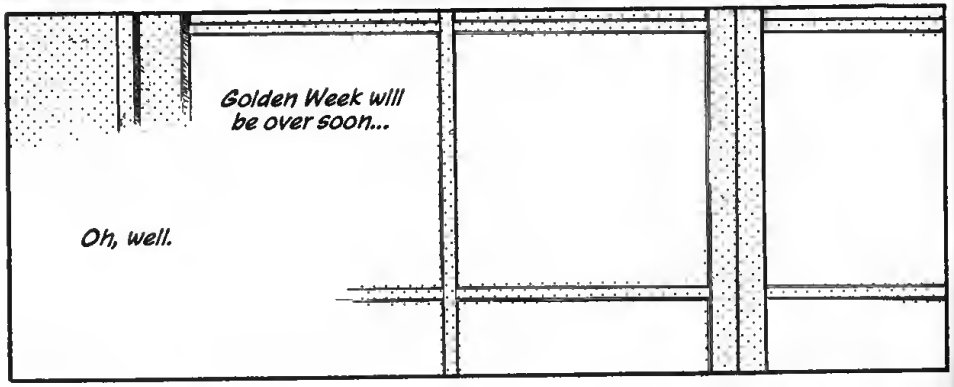
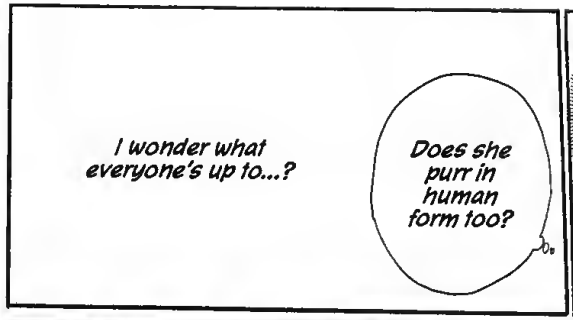
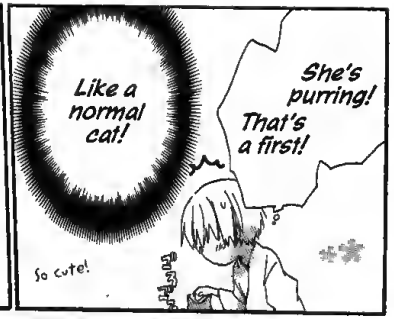
WIGGLE
Achoo!

No, it's okay...
It's late, anyway.


Golden Week will be over soon...
Oh, well.


I wonder what everyone's up to...?
Does she purr in human form too?


Like a normal cat!
She's purring! That's a first!
So cute!

Should I call them...?
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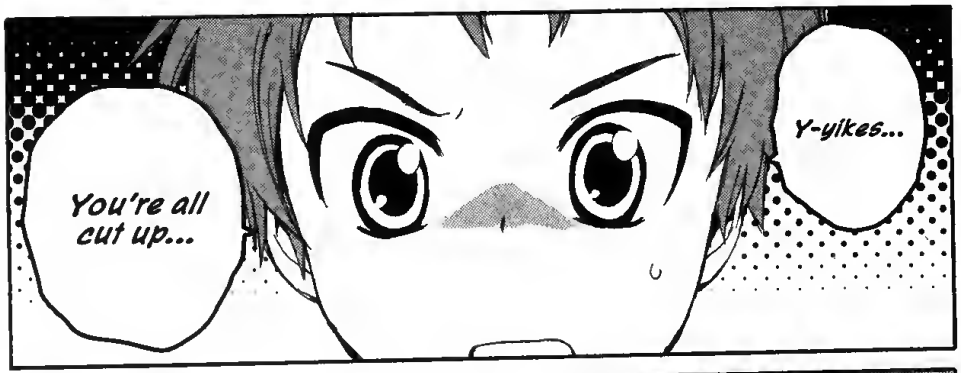
Got a cold?
I'm fine. No big deal.
You okay?
N-no way!
Nb
.....
Miiko felt so warm and soft that...
...I didn't even care about a spring break anymore.
Wasn't it?
Kotaro suddenly jumped into my bed.
My nose is running.
Tissues she got on the first day of school.
Sure was cold yesterday.
Class-1
Ah... achoo--!!!
We can try to get to the phones again tonight.
I was going to sneak out and join you, but he was so warm...
And then I just fell back to sleep.
Animal body heat

Report.9 Grabby Guys

What are you guys up to?
Wha...?
N-no, that was--!
Come to think of it...
Your hand was pretty warm too, Takuma-kun.
Soft and fuzzy..
...and warm and cute. That's Miiko.
Huh?

We're just...
...enjoying the warmth.


You're all cut up...
Y-yikes...

I got kinda careless with some broken glass.
It's sharp!
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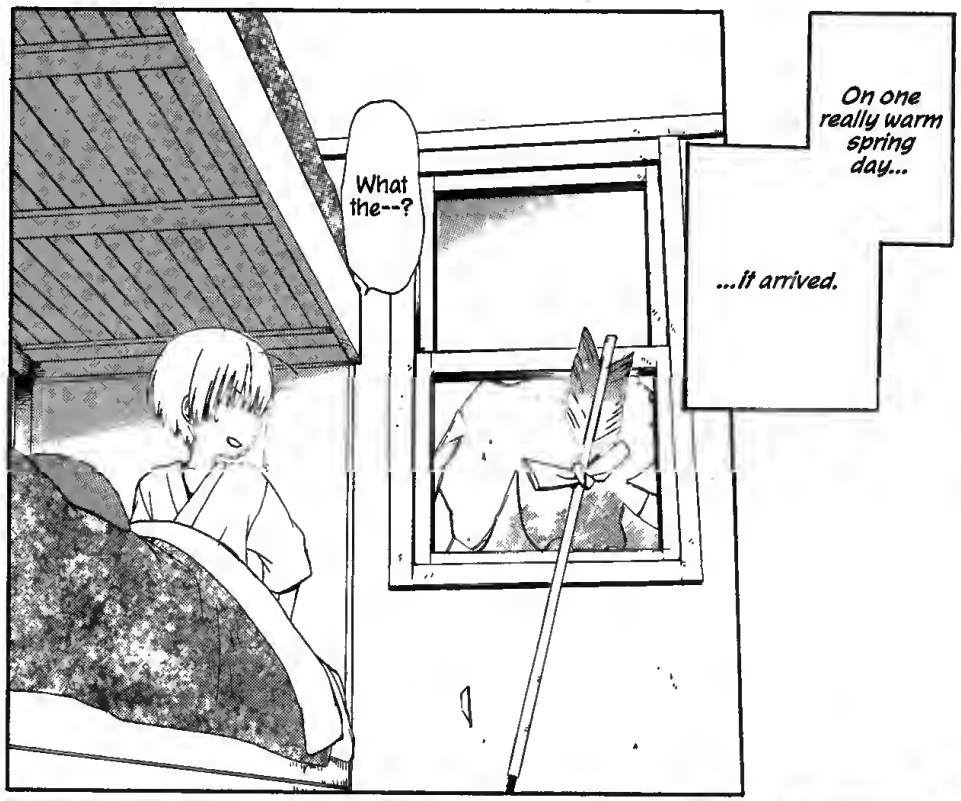
Oh, I'm fine.

Um... Yeah, you did...
Nah, it's cool. We didn't get hurt or anything!

Pretty normal.
How's basketball?

So an arrow came flying through your window?
Sounds like a dangerous club...


On one really warm spring day...
...It arrived.
What the--?

Ack! Miiko!
You'll cut yourself on that!
I'll get rid of it!

Finally!
So we'll be doing something?
From the ninja club?!

You probably shouldn't be passing it around.
Wasn't this sent to them?

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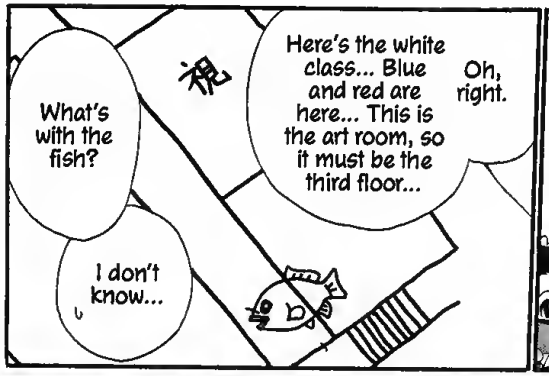
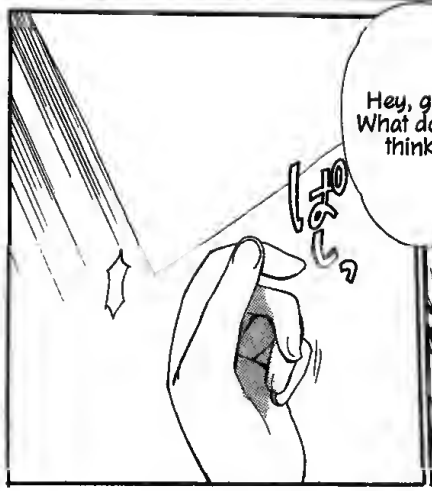
S-sorry...
The ninja club, wasn't it?
It seems like you ought to solve it yourself.


What's with the fish?
I don't know...
Here's the white class... Blue and red are here... This is the art room, so it must be the third floor...
Oh, right.

I think so.
Is that a map?

Where's this going...?
Yeah!
Right?
Maybe they're taking care of fish!
Oh!

Why?
There's gotta be a bunch of fish there!
Fish
Pisces …?



Hey, guys! What do you think--
Let's ask around!

We should go see.
Right...!
What do you think, Miiko?
As a fellow club member...?

That's right.
We'd joined the ninja club, but...
...we hadn't actually done anything yet.

So we were awfully nervous.
Well, I'm not seeing any fish...

I should do this myself.
Yeah...

Miiko didn't get angry!
Did he just--?!
How?!
Likes cats.
Likes Miiko.

Sasuke-kun seems really smart.
I'm so pathetic...
It's obvious...
.....

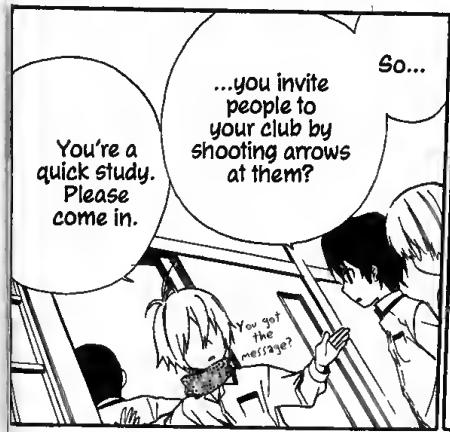
Nice to meet you.
Sasuke-kun...?
Huh ...?
Something like this...
...happened before, too...
Or is it?
Who's that...?
Oh! Maybe it means "come fishing around"!
But what's the fish?
!
Really? You are?
Oh! Hey, I'm in the ninja club too.
...you ...?
Yay! Nice to meet...

I've the vice-prez, Zenda Miyoshi.
Truth is, there just aren't that many rooms available.
And that message wasn't exactly the toughest nut to crack.
Welcome, first years! Congrats on solving the puzzle!
Our clubroom is different all the time! We're a club full of secrets!
I'm the club president, Manjiro Uesugi. Good to meetcha!

Miiko Suzuhara...
I'm Neko Fukuta, a new student.

R-right!
Starting on the right!
Introduce yourselves, newbies!

Hey, you guys!
...to join the ninja club?!
Are you ready...


You're a quick study. Please come in.
So... ...you invite people to your club by shooting arrows at them?
You got the message?

We didn't get any members last year.
Our army is now five strong...
A-any-way...
...we're very happy to have three new members.
I can practically taste their lack of confidence...
What's going on...?
Okay, I admit...
...maybe it's not the most popular club right now.
.....
Ouch!
Yeah, it seems really lame!
Miiko doesn't seem to mind him...
Who is this guy?

I'm a first year, too. The name is Yusuke Sagami.
We don't know either...
You joined without knowing?!
So, hey...
What's the deal with this club?
Same last name as Sasuke-kun...
.....
Um... Aren't there any other members in the club?
Spying, starting trouble, carrying out missions...! Ninjas rule!
Ninja are warriors shrouded in secrecy!

Your deadline is...
...in one week!
If anyone discovers that you're in the ninja club, you fail!
Learn all of the first years' names and clubs, and write them here.
Just do the best you can.

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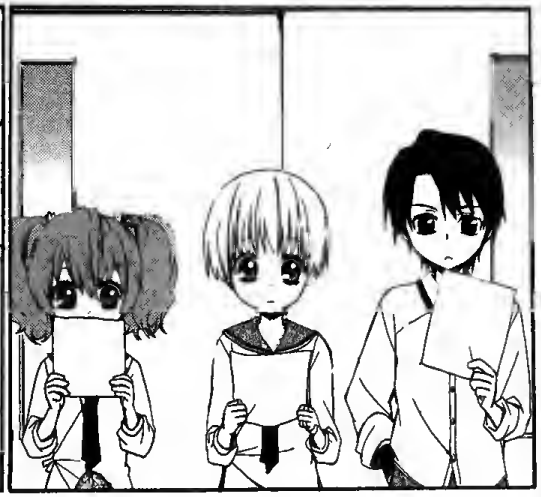
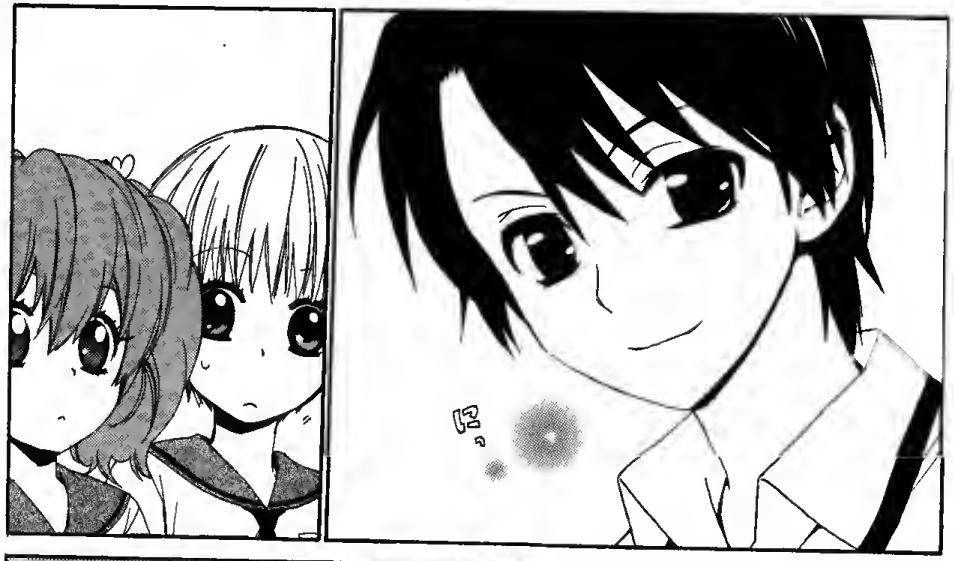
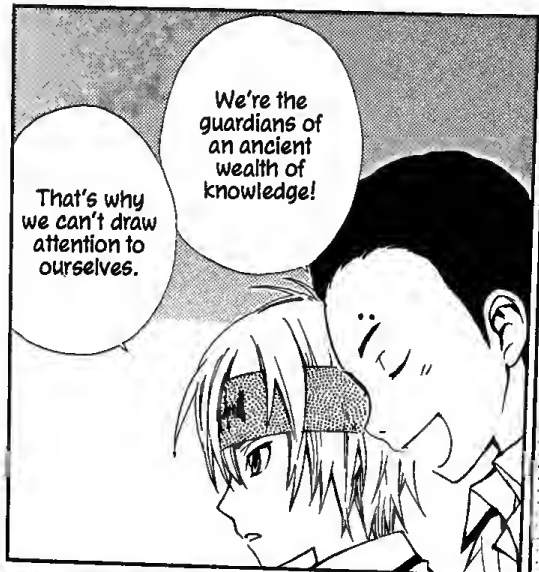
This sounds pretty tough.






That's why we can't draw attention to ourselves.
We're the guardians of an ancient wealth of knowledge!

Hey, now! We don't have many members, but we do a lot!
So it's a pretty slow club, huh?

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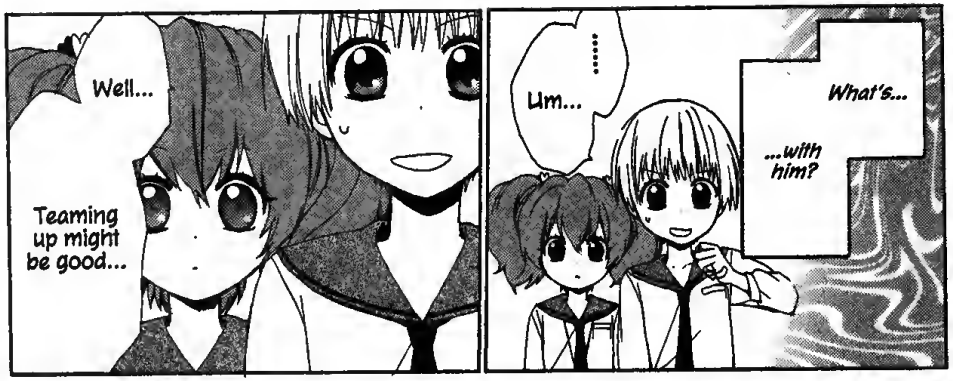
Note
Anyway, here is your first mission!


Well...
Teaming up might be good...


Um...
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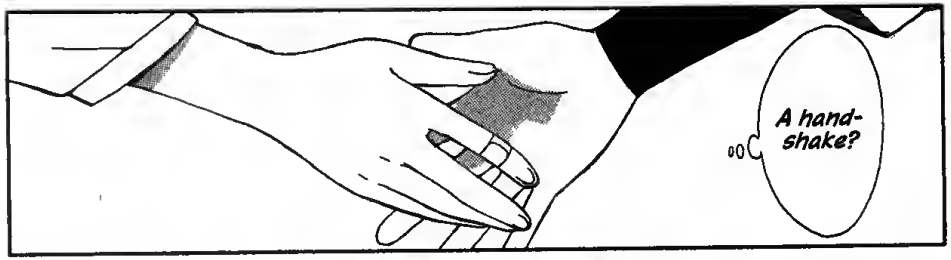
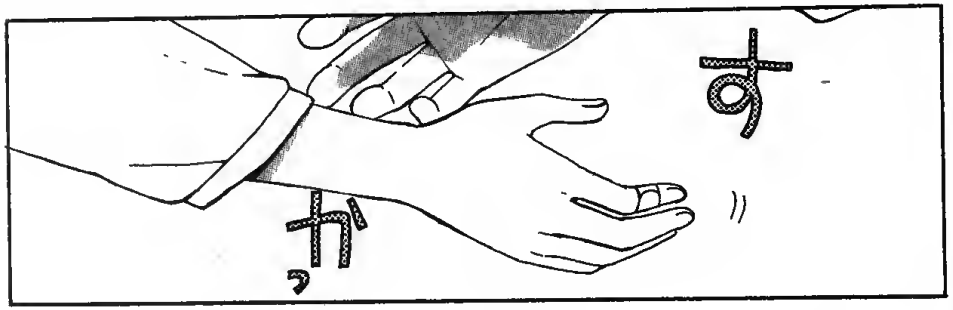
What's...
...with him?

Great!


A hand-shake?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Hey.
Wanna team up with me?

It'll be easy to get info from my class, but...
Shouldn't be too hard to just get their names and clubs.
We have a whole week.

It's nothing.
Fune?
D-did he just... blow into my ear?!

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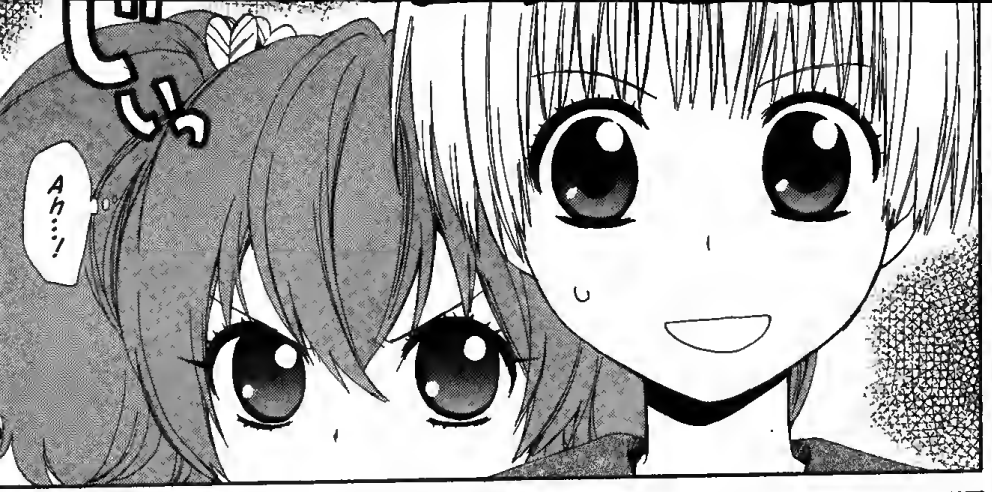
Wh...


Ah...!

Nice to--
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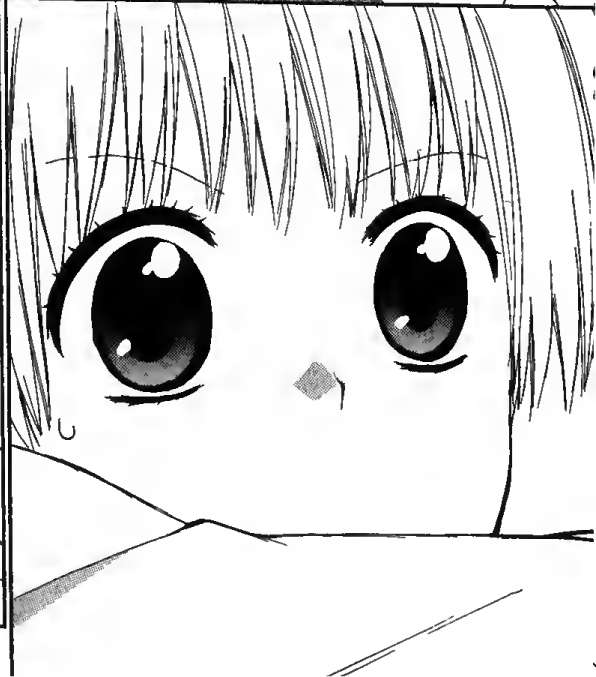
And the same to you!
Oh!

Sounds weird from someone who's not shy at all...
R-really?!
How cute.
Oh, shy?
You probably shouldn't try to touch her.
Um... Miiko can be a little shy...

Let's be good friends!

He's really touchy-feely...
Y-yeah. Let's...
Yay!



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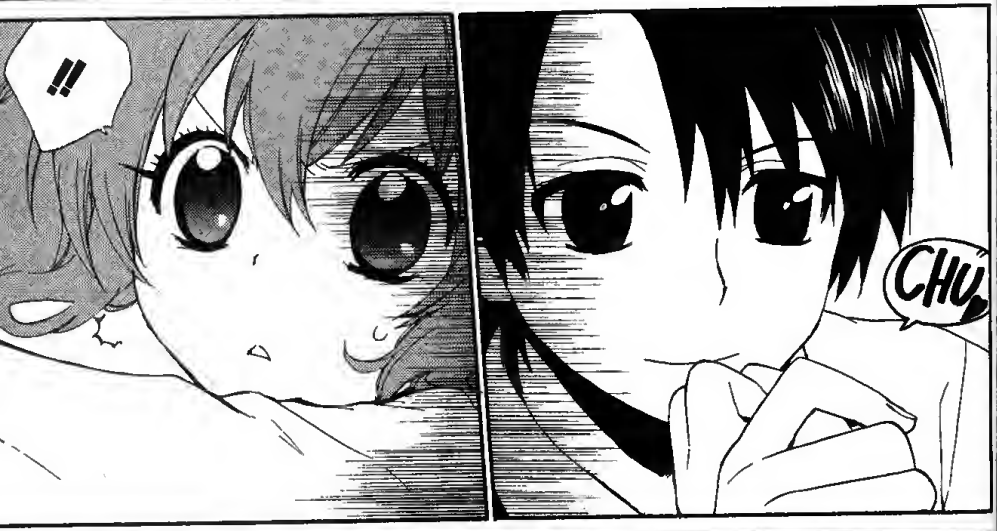
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Hug time! ♪
GABU

Wha--?!
What is with him?!

Once you get used to someone, you'll purr if they just stroke your chin, right?

GRAB

Ha ha!
Just kidding.
Though I did think something similar yesterday...
We have something in common?
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Huh?
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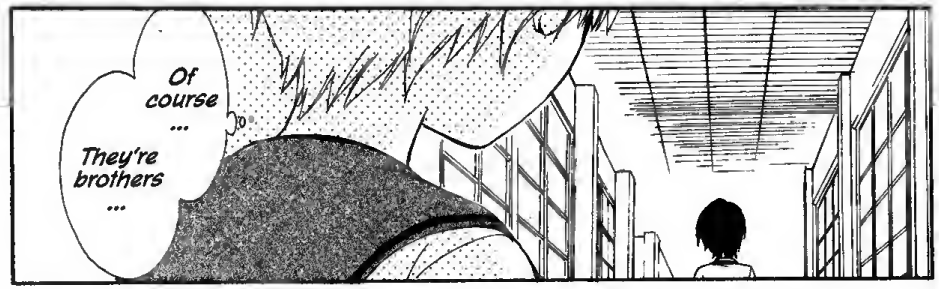
I think he's in your class.
Oh! Say hi to my brother, Sasuke.


Of course ...
They're brothers ...

Good girl.
.....
I hate that guy!!!
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Hate!
I hate him!
Uh ...
Yeah.
You did well, Miiko.

All right!
I'll be off now.
Heh heh heh.

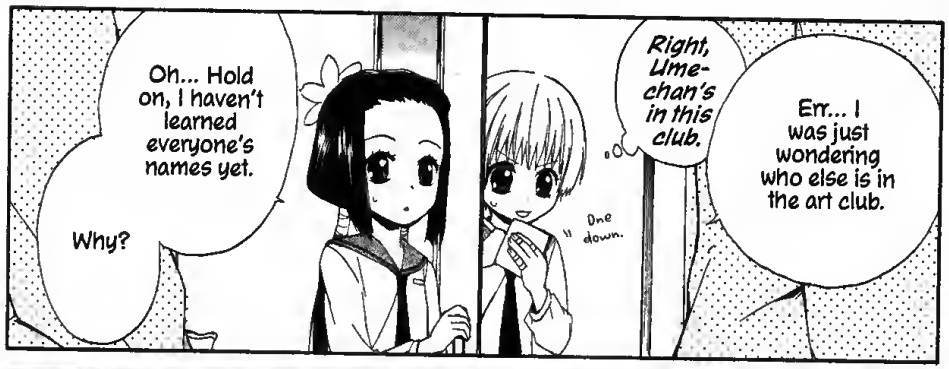
He's amazing.
He escaped unscathed...
Shredded papers.

GYAAAAHHHH!

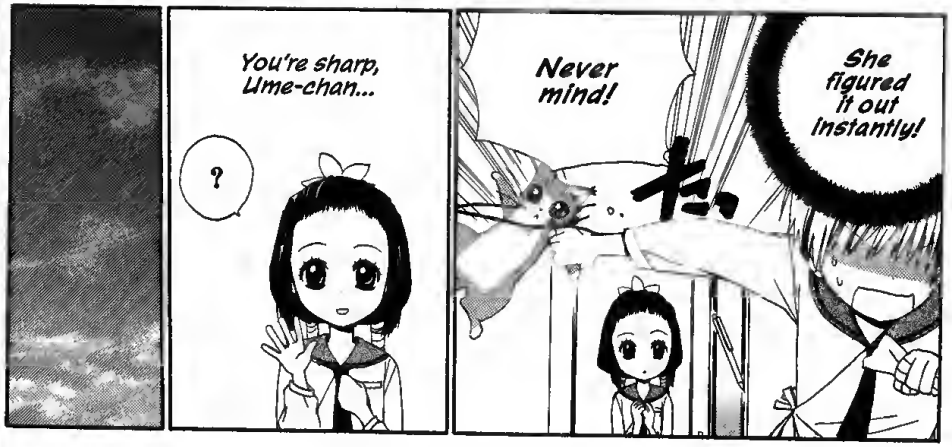
Oh, the art club.
It's hard to ask and sound natural...
The whole school is Miika's territory now.
Oh! Fukuta-san, Suzuhara-san!
What's going on?
Art supplies can smell.
Stinky!
I'll go in, okay?
Excuse me...!
I can't take it! I never want to see him again!
And here I thought being in a club would be easier...
Me? The basketball club!
Same class.
Yuichi and Shin and that girl Mino are in it too!
Oh, yeah. That's right...
How come?
scribble scribble
Oh, it's nothing!
I was just curious.
Later!
Hey, newbie!

I thought being a ninja would be more about swords and throwing stars...
...or jumping around like acrobats.
Something a lot cooler.
The sunset's so pretty...
But asking people sure is hard.

Could you just use that book?
Do we actually have to ask each person?
Hey.
Good question...


Oh... Hold on, I haven't learned everyone's names yet.
Why?
One down.
Right, Ume-chan's in this club.
Err... I was just wondering who else is in the art club.

I was just wondering...
Oh! Is it something for your club?
Well, um...


You're sharp, Ume-chan...
?
Never mind!
She figured it out instantly!

Wait a sec...
Could this be it?!
Oh!
What class were they from...?
Every-thing!
For what?
Thank you, Sasuke-kun!
And Sasuke-kun remembered the Morimori handbook...
This is my chance to ask questions and sound natural!
Oh, right!
I met your brother!
Go me!
I think I can do it now.

You came from your club?
What's that?
Yeah. Silvino was so focused on his art that I figured I'd give him space.
So those are painting supplies?
Sasuke-kun!
Oh, that's right! Everything's listed in the student handbook!
Let's see...
I think there're 10 first years altogether.
Hmm... There're three from our class, including Kamaba-san.
What are the other members like?
Yeah, Silvino-kun looks like the serious type.

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Oh, sorry--
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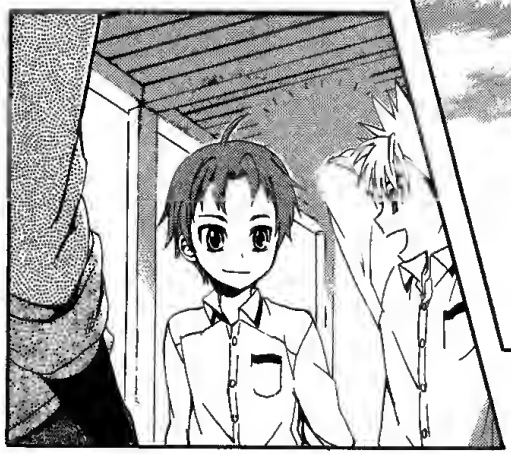
Yeah ...
This would work, but...

He told me to say hi to you.
...huh?

See you tomorrow!



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But it's going to be tough, since you don't want to team up with Yusuke-kun, Miiko.
...copying them all just feels like cheating.
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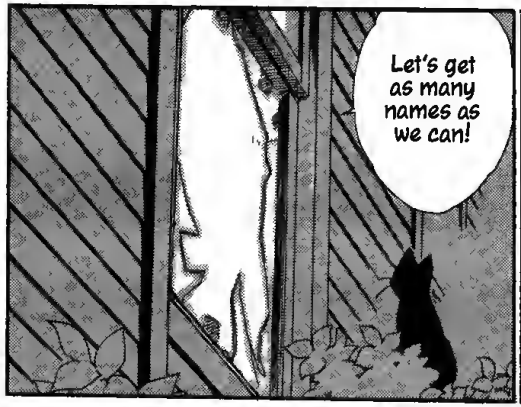
Well...



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Even when I would get worried and poke at him...

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Whaddaya want?

My roommate came home crying because the vet said there was nothing to be done.

But the third vet said the hamster was fine, and the growth fell off a few days later.

Tears

He's fine.

My hamster developed a large growth when he was young.

Poor little guy...

Itchy.

He was still energetic when he got older.

I hope he had a good hamster life...

He's so small...

It caught me by surprise.

I'm gonna do it! I'm gonna make it big!

Lots of stuff happened, but he seemed to be doing well.

Well, then...

I hope to see you in the next volume. Thank you very much!

You gave me a lot of good memories, my beloved little friend.

I learned so much from you.

(He was actually pretty big for a dwarf hamster.)

Even though you were so small.

Those who helped me with vol. 2:
O. miwa
K. miwa
T. tomoko
M. asami
M. yu-ki
My Editor
Thanks!

# Postscript [2]

~Hamster~

nibble

It's very hot as I write this, but it will be cooler by the time the book comes out. Thoughts like that make me very aware of the changing seasons.

Thank you for reading this far!

Hello, volume 2!

Come out soon!

Aren't dwarf hamsters cute?! I just got one for myself, and it's so sweet!

Many of them were from animal lovers!

I read them all! I love it!

Thank you for all your letters!

Oh, pictures!

Gotta reply!

Plop plop

My hamster passed away.

...

Sob

A Kitty Gourmand

# HAKOBUNE HAKUSHO.2

← Miiko Suzuhara

•Cat •Morimori High School 1st year student, White Class
•Seat Number 19 •Species: Felix catus
•She's a little immature for her age. Has high athletic capabilities, and a self-centered, princess-type personality. Watanuki-sensei just picked a random day as her birthday while filling in her application forms.

Umeha Kamaba →

•Raccoon Dog (tanuki) •Morimori High School 1st year student, White Class.
•Seat Number 16 •Species: Nyctereutes procyonides
•She got to see a lot of human magazines even before she came to school, so she's a little better at reading than the average student. Omnivorous, so there are few foods she particularly likes or dislikes. Faints easily.

# HAKOBUNE HAKUSHO

Question 1
**Can you be your natural self, if you know the truth?**

Question 2
**Can you assimelate into our school?**

Question 3
**Can you pledge secrecy that you are a human being?**

## [1]

**Neko Fukuta**

•Human •Morimori High School 1st year student, White Class
•Seat Number 23 ~Is believed to be a cat
•15 years old and a bad student. Her family includes her mother, father and little brother. Her athletic ability is (just barely) decent.

In the next volume of...

Neko's got a cold, and soon a small conspiracy begins regarding how to get her human cold medicine without revealing her secret! And speaking of secrets, Yuichi Takuma has a really big surprise in store!

WilsonWilson
&
Kickthekitty

# はこぶね白書 [2]

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藤野もやむ

ほっぺにいっぱいご飯つめたっぱなしなのよ、と言うと照して少し微笑ましい空気になります（見習いたい）。まだまだ沢山描いて沢山勉強したいです。

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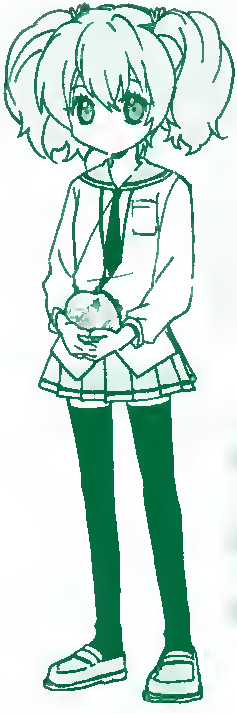

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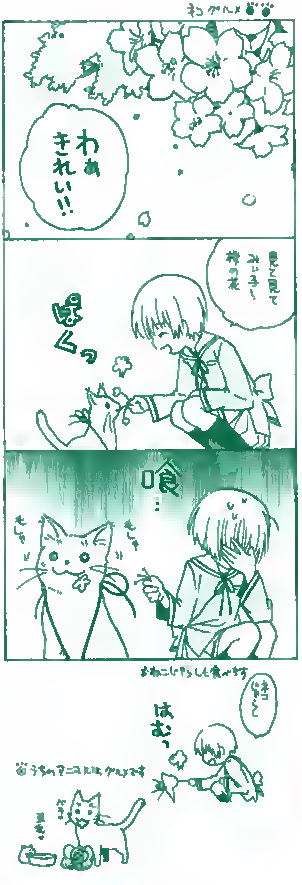
・猫・盛森高等学校1年白組
・出席番号19番・ネコ科ネコ
・成猫または子どもの年齢不詳
運動能力は高い わがまま姫
誕生日は綿抜先生が皆の証言を元に適当に決めました

鎌場梅花→
・狸・盛森高等学校1年白組
・出席番号16番・イヌ科タヌキ
・狸時代から人間雑誌を拾ってなかめたりしていたのでちょっと文字慣れしている 雑食で好き嫌いは少ない 気絶しやすい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きれい!!
見て見て
みぃちゃん
桜の花
ムシっ
食…
もぐもぐ
はむっ
もぐもぐ

# はこぶね白書

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★いっぱい芸術したい秋★

お買いあげいただいて
ありがとうございます！
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